

## PREFACE

In a global world where changes happen faster and faster, the need of meetings where specialists in the conservation of biodiversity and natural resources can share experiences is becoming an important aspect of the whole strategy of conservation.

Mountain ungulates are among the most charismatic of animal species. Our knowledge on their biology has dramatically increased in the last decades, enabling an improvement of their conservation and management. When looking back to what we as a group knew since the 1960's, we realize the importance of the work that has been done.

Some of the more significant threats and relevant aspects regarding these taxa have been a matter of concern or interest by scientists and managers, and appear in this proceedings volume. An applied and interdisciplinary approach of these issues is becoming more clear.

Mountain Ungulates Research 2002 wishes to give an update of the current research, management and conservation efforts on mountain ungulates.

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