

TIES Partnership External Evaluation
Decision Support of Ruminant Livestock Systems in the Gulf Region of Mexico
Cornell, Yucatán and Veracruz phases, June 29 and July 1-4, 2006

<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
June 29	
11:15a	Lucía Vaccaro arrives Ithaca, USAir #4182
12:00n	Lunch and meetings with R. Blake, T. Tucker, C. Nicholson and K. Baba
6:10p	L. Vaccaro departs Ithaca, USAir #4595
June 30	
	Robert Blake arrives Mérida, Continental Airlines #1842
	Lodging at Hotel Lafitte
July 1	
	Planning meetings with TIES students and UADY-TIES platform leaders: Luis Nabté, David Parsons, UADY students, Guillermo Ríos, Juan Magaña, Fernando Herrera
July 2	
	Lucía Vaccaro arrives for Yucatán evaluation phase, Continental #1842 Hotel Lafitte
July 3	
8:30a	TIES student participants (at FMVZ, Xmatkuil) L. Nabté, D. Parsons, V. Cárdenas, F. Duarte, G. González, M. Huchín, A. Calderón, S. Flores, C. Medina, T. Mejía, R. Estrada, other short course participants.
9:30	TIES faculty participants G. Ríos, J. Magaña, F. Herrera, J. Ku, A. Ayala, F. Torres, J. Jiménez
10:30	UADY-TIES platform leaders: G. Ríos and J. Magaña
	TIES research
11:30	D. Parsons and L. Nabté (Cornell)
12:15p (refrigerio)	J. Magaña, G. Ríos, V. Cárdenas and L. Nabté (UADY)
1:00	Tour of the FMVZ-UADY library
1:30	UADY-TIES collaboration and opportunities: Administrative perspectives and support. F. Herrera
2:30	Continued discussion over lunch also including Francisco Fernández, Diana Arízaga and Lilia Fernández from the School of Anthropology
evening	Dinner discussion with UADY TIES platform leaders: G. Ríos, J. Magaña
July 4	
8:30a	UADY-TIES collaboration and opportunities. Rector Raúl Godoy M.
10:00	Unidad Ovina Sta. Rosa. Leonardo Cocóm.
open	Meetings as needed at Dr. Vaccaro's discretion
lunch	Open
7:00p	Depart Mérida (MX # 7539) for Veracruz phase of the TIES evaluation

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July 4, 8:20p	L. Vaccaro and R. Blake arrive Veracruz, MX #7539 Hotel Novo Mar
July 5	
9:00a	TIES student participants (at hotel) Victor Absalón, Omar Cristobal, Coltzín Torruco, Jaime Velasco, others from TIES short course #5
11:00	INIFAP-TIES platform collaboration (at INIFAP, La Posta) <i>International collaborations and collaborators: Current and past</i> Participants: UV-INIFAP TIES platform leaders, INIFAP scientists and TIES students, V. Absalón and O. Cristobal.
12:00n	<i>Improvement of dual-purpose cattle systems in Mexico: 30 years of progress.</i> Discussant: H. Román P.
1:00p	Discussion
3:00	Lunch (Villa Rica de Mocambo)
5:00	TIES research TIES platform leaders and students: V. Absalón, F. Juárez, B. Rueda, E. Canudas, R. Loeza, O. Cristobal
evening	Dinner and discussion with UV-INIFAP TIES platform leaders: F. Juárez, B. Rueda, E. Canudas, R. Loeza
July 6	
9:00-12:00n	UV-TIES collaboration and opportunities (at Xalapa campus) Administrative perspectives and support: Meetings with UV administrators: Mtra. Liliana Betancourt, Vice-Rector; Dr. Víctor Alcaraz Romero, Director of Research; Dr. Ricardo Corzo Ramírez, Academic Secretary; and Mtro Ernesto Rodríguez Luna, Director, Agricultural Biology Area. Coordinated by Dr. Carlos Lamothe, Director FMVZ-UV.
12:00n	INIFAP-TIES platform collaboration (at Xalapa offices) Gabriel Díaz, Rosalío López, José Luis Martínez, and V. Absalón with O. Cristobal (conducting thesis work that morning at INIFAP, Xalapa)
lunch pm	Discussion return to Veracruz
evening	Dinner discussion with UV-INIFAP platform leaders, F. Juárez, B. Rueda, E. Canudas, R. Loeza, C. Lamothe

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July 7 am and pm	TIES Informal Seminar, Main Auditorium, FMVZ-UV 1) R. Blake, <i>TIES partnerships and rural development</i> 2) C. Lamothe, <i>International alliances and their potential benefits to Mexican universities: Veracruz experience</i> 3) Fernando Herrera, <i>International alliances and their potential benefits to Mexican universities: Yucatán experience</i> 4) Luis Ortega, <i>International alliances, their role and benefits to INIFAP</i> 5) L. Vaccaro, 1) <i>Internacional alliances and their worth to Latin American institutions and societies.</i> 2) <i>Preliminary evaluation report about the Cornell-UADY-UV-INIFAP TIES partnership.</i> 6) Discussion 7) Summary and action strategy
evening	Dinner discussion
July 8 morning	Visit representative dual-purpose cattle farms and GGAVATTs in the agroclimatic zone of the MS thesis case study of V. Absalón.
afternoon	Open
evening	Dinner and despedida for Lucia Vaccaro
July 9	Lucia's return flight, Continental #2032
July 9-13	R. Blake remains to work with Victor Absalón, Omar Cristobal and UV-INIFAP research team and to plan 2006-07 TIES teaching platform, including IARD 602 field trip.
July 14	R. Blake return flight, Continental #2032