

## The Fraternity of the Gascon beef.

### The 16th chapter of the Fraternity at the Paris Show 2008

Created in 1991 on the initiative of the ambassadors of the Gascon breed, its breeders and Ariégeoises personalities, M. Roger CHAUBET, M. Maurice RUFFAT, M. Henry NAYROU, M. François TOULIS,. Our confraternity defends more than ever this Pyrenean rustic race and its leading product the Gascon Red Label, that the colleagues like savoring and promoting.

Grand Master: François TOULIS. Grand Chamberlain: Pierre BAUGUIL Grand Argentier: Jean-Pierre GAJAN

Our confraternity distinguishes itself not by the number, lower than 100, but by the quality of its Viscounts and Knights who swear of " to defend and to promote in all places and in all circumstances the Gascon beef , pure race, pure taste, red label and to remain in friendship with all members of the fraternity". the Fraternity of the Gascon beef counts today in its ranks a meaningful palette of professional personalities, sportswomen or the media, as Gérard HOLTZ, Henry SANNIER, Martin MALVY, Bernard LAPASSET, Jean Marc LHENORET, Jean-Claude SKRELA.and one of the last enthroned Miguel INDURAIN on the occasion of event of the fraternity that illustrates our activity:

### Magnificent Chapter of the Brotherhood at the Paris Show (2008-02)

The 16th Chapter of the Brotherhood of Gascon Beef was particularly successful in the Grand Ring on Tuesday 26th Feb, applauded by a large audience of Paris Show visitors.

The new knights inducted were: Jaroslav BURDA. Proposed by Jean Pierre GAJAN as a man of conviction and passion, he is the facilitator of the many exports of French Genetics to the Czech Republic via BURSIA and SERSIA. 134 Gascon heifers were exported in 2007 to this country, and new shipments are expected for 2008. More than ever he is an ambassador for the Gascon breed.

Pierre VILLEPREUX. Presented by his sponsor and partner, Jean-Claude SKRELA. They coached Toulouse when they were French Rugby Champions in 1985, 1986 and 1989, and from 1996 to 1999 both were co-coaches of the French national team. Pierre Villepreux is a recognised Rugbymen International: 34 caps for the French team, Grand Slam 1968 as a player; Grand Slam 1997 and 1998 as a coach, World cup finalist 1999. This man of action confirms our team of Knights are as committed to the oval ball as to the taste of Gascon beef!

Thierry REY. Presented by Henry NAYROU. French Judoka, world champion in 1979 and Olympic champion in 1980 in Moscow. Member of the European Champion team in 1978 and 1982; French Champion 'Super-légers' in 1978, 1979 and 1980 and 'mi-légers' in 1981, 1982 and 1983. He always strives to be a leader in his sport and in all he does. Actor and television host, his ariégeoises origins lead him naturally to defend, in all places and in all circumstances, Gascon Beef and the members of the Brotherhood.

Rachid ARHAB. Also presented by Henry NAYROU. Journalist with FR3 then France 2, he reported for the newspaper for several years (between 1992 and 2000). He became senior reporter for TV broadcasts on the programmes 'Special

Envoy' and 'Geopolis'. Since 2000 he has hosted the programme 'J'ai rendez-vous avec vous' on France 2. Along with the Brotherhood, Rachid Arhab celebrated the anniversary of his rank of Knight of the Legion of Honour, as well as his membership of the Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel. His admission to the Brotherhood of Gascon Beef was natural, given his dedication to the 'Rencontres en Séronais' and to Gascon Beef, justly appreciated each year.

'Our Parisian Knights', Jean-Marc L'Hénolet, Gilles Dabezies, Bernard Bibé and Bruno Sallet did not miss this chance to place the colours of Gascon Beef in the limelight.

These new Knights join a Brotherhood rich in sports and media personalities, most recently Jean Abeilhou, who had joined us at the SISQA and has brilliantly fulfilled his challenge to defend the Gascon Beef commenting on the first match of the Six Nations Rugby Tournament. Prior to that, Miguel Indurain honoured us with his presence and support for the Fair of Ax-les-Thermes last September with the Knights.

#### The 14th chapter of the Fraternity

The Chapter of the Gascon beef that welcomed on this occasion the academy of the Fraternities of Ariège took place September 15 in Ax les Thermes on the following day of the show.

The yearly parade has been brought by the Gascon animals, (Bull: Valliant, cow and calf from Gaec of Martinat) at the head of the Fraternity of the Gascon beef follow-ups of the members of the academy of the Fraternities of Ariège. A presentation from every Fraternity took place on arrival at the casino at the end of the morning.

During this time, Miguel Indurain who knows our Pyrenees well, having spent so much time on them with the Tour de France, did us the honour to join us with his family.

After one repairing night in the " Chalet" in Ax, welcomed by Raymond PUJOL on the mountain slopes of Orlu, they could admire the Gascon before their next coming down and listen to the explanations of Pierre BERTRAND, of the office of Tourism of the Valleys of Ax, on fauna and flora local.

The authorities proceeded, with the Fraternities, to the inauguration of the Festival des Saveurs enhancing the couples producers/restaurateurs.

During the meal reserved to this effect, have been enthroned:

Miguel INDURAIN, Champion cyclist, 5 times winner of the Tour de France, elected sportsman of the century in Spain in 2000. He had received the Gascon heifer " Elisa" in 1995 and developed a small herd of Gascons in Navarre with his family, to appreciate the flavor of the Gascon meat directly.

Jean Paul PUJOL, Author composer of the song " the Gascon" and rich of a colourful repertoire .

Thierry DEJEAN, breeder and co-chairman of the Union Gascon of Ariège. Enrique NOSIGLIA, ex-minister of the interior Argentinean, partisan of the quality meat and new ambassador of the Gascon, who has some part to play in the countries of South America.

Miguel INDURAIN, Champion cyclist, 5 times winner of the Tour de France

Program and Appointment 2008 -2009 in preparation (council the 12/11/2007)

August 8 : PASTORALIES in the valleys of AX, to the plateau BEILLE (Ariège)

October 4 : The Brotherhood of Gascon Beef at the feast of the Fig and of the Academy of the Brotherhoods of Ariège at the Mas d'Azil.

December 11-14, 2008: Chapter on the occasion of the SISQA in Toulouse

February, 2009: Sale of primestock of Carnival with the GASCON Group, with beef from the traditional fire at noon (on booking 0561601530)

February 2009, 17eme Chapter on the occasion of the Paris agriculture show

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