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CONOPA is a Peruvian non-profit organization dedicated to scientific research and extension in South American camelids. The general objectives of CONOPA are sustainable development, preservation of the ecosystem, and biodiversity of wild and domestic camelids to achieve the eradication of poverty that afflicts traditional breeders.

Current Collaborations between Nunoa Project and CONOPA:

- Nunoa Project Alpaca Herd Improvement Program
- 2 US students and 2 Peruvian students are working in Nunoa with local animal health officials
- Projects with 5 communities in Nunoa include:
 - Improving breeding management through use of superior males with select females to breed new and improved breeding stock
 - Monitoring of reproductive behavior and semen parameters in Nunoa Project males
 - Cria growth rate study
 - Gastrointestinal parasite study
 - Cria mortality investigating cause of death in neonates due to pneumonia and intestinal infections

Nunoa Project-CONOPA International Camelid Conference: Cusco, Peru

- **July 17-19, 2013**
- presented in conjunction with CONOPA (www.conopa.org)
- internationally recognized speakers from the US, Peru, and Argentina
- topics:
 - camelid conservation and welfare
 - camelid reproduction in the US and Peru
 - herding in the Andes
 - improving alpaca production in Peru
 - textile manufacturing and weaving cooperatives
 - infectious disease prevention, and more
- more details to follow
- limited space is available for people interested in working with the Nunoa Project Alpaca Herd Improvement Program in the southern Andes **July 5-16, 2013** (please contact Steve Purdy at srpurdy@nunoaproject.org for details)

CONOPA offerings for graduate students in Peru starting in June 2013:

- Field and laboratory work
- Genetics, herd improvement, infectious disease diagnosis and prevention



Alpacas on pasture at one of the communities participating in the alpaca herd improvement project

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Nunoa farmers and Nunoa Project team work together with the municipality workers.



