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CIBILS RECEIVES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR RESEARCH/ACADEMIA FROM SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT (SRM)

Dr. Andres F. Cibils of Las Cruces, New Mexico, received an *Outstanding Achievement Award for Research/Academia* at the Society for Range Management's (SRM) 73rd Annual Meeting, Technical Training, and Trade Show in Denver, Colorado, February 16-20, 2020. The *Outstanding Achievement Award* is presented by the Society for Range Management for outstanding achievement to members and other qualified individuals and groups working with rangelands.

Dr. Cibils is well known for his compassionate demeanor and investigatory prowess of critical rangeland issues. Andrés received his BS in animal science from the Universidad Nacional de Lomas de Zamora in Buenos Aires Province, Argentina and holds both MS and PhD in rangeland ecosystem science from Colorado State University.

During his tenure of sixteen years at New Mexico State University, Dr. Cibils has established research exploring the application of ecological theory to improve rangeland-based livestock production systems, livestock-ecosystem interactions, use of telemetry, geographic information system mapping, and remote sensing tools to understand grazing patterns of livestock on large rangeland landscapes at various spatiotemporal scales to inform adaptive grazing management decisions on arid lands. Another focus of Cibils' research involves studying the role of livestock in supporting livelihoods of smallholder agropastoralists in West Africa and New Mexico. He has built an impressive institution within his laboratory and sets an example for productivity, instruction, and acknowledgement.

Over this time, Cibils has supported 18 graduate students and co-authored over 130 scholarly texts including refereed journal articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings. Andrés is well known for developing unique research tools and models for preserving rangelands and investigating livestock breeds that may be better adapted to harsh environments, many methodologies of which have been adopted for use by agencies and producers. Because of his accomplishments and large network of international research collaborations, Dr. Cibils has been invited to speak in diverse countries across five continents.

It is for these and other significant contributions to the profession of rangeland management that the Society for Range Management is proud to recognize Dr. Andres F. Cibils with a 2020 *Outstanding Achievement Award for Research/Academia*.



2020 SRM Outstanding Achievement Award for Research/Academia recipient Dr. Andres F. Cibils with SRM President (2019) Dr. Clayton Marlow.



MISSION: Providing leadership for the Stewardship of Rangelands based on sound ecological principles.

VISION: A well-trained and highly motivated group of professionals and rangelands users working with productive, sustainable rangeland ecosystems.