



**CONOPA – INSTITUTE OF CAMELID RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT [www.conopa.org](http://www.conopa.org)**

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

**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



Nunua farmers and Nunua Project team (including 2 US students and 2 Peruvian students currently working with Nunua farmers) working with the municipality workers.

