

ISAG Conference 2008, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
**Applied Genetics in Sheep and Goats Workshop**

Chair : **Jill Maddox**,

**Over 100 people attended the workshop.**

The Applied Genetics in Sheep and Goats workshop was held on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, during the 31<sup>st</sup> Conference on Animal Genetics, at Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The workshop was held from 15:30 to 17:30. The session was attended by more than 40 people with 27 people leaving contact details on the contact sheet.

The workshop program was as follows:

- Welcome
- Nutrigenomics studies in sheep using a custom microarray platform (Sandy Sgorlon, Italy)
- Genetic relationships between native goat populations from Spain, Portugal and America (Amparo Martínez Martínez, Spain)
- High exclusion probability in ovine genealogical control through 18plex and 20plex PCR (José Antonio Bouzada Rey, Spain)
- "Update on developing sheep SNP markers for parentage testing from the ovine genome project" and "Update on the Sheep HapMap project" (Jill Maddox on behalf of Mike Heaton and the ISGC)
- Goat Comparison Test Results (Susan Dileanis, UCD)
- Sheep Comparison Test Results (Jill Maddox, University of Melbourne, Australia)
- Business meeting

An election of new Committee members was held during this session. Dr Michele Blasi resigned from the committee and nominated Dr Daniela Lamartino (Italy) as a member of the committee. The motion was seconded by Dr Jill Maddox. Having no discussion, the nominee was unanimously elected to serve during the next four years. Four previously elected members remained in the committee. They are: Dr Jill Maddox and Dr Allan Crawford (elected in 2006), Dr Gesine Lühken and Dr Cecilia Penedo (elected in ?). Dr Gesine Lühken has agreed to serve as Chair of the Committee for the period of 2008-2010.



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The current Applied Genetics in Sheep and Goats Workshop Committee members are:

Dr Gesine Lühken (Germany; Chair, Gesine.Luehken@agrar.uni-giessen.de)

Dr Cecilia Penedo (USA, mctorrespenedo@ucdavis.edu)

Dr Daniela Iamartino (Italy, danielaiamartino@lgscr.it)

Dr Jill Maddox (Australia, jillm@rubens.its.unimelb.edu.au)

Dr Allan Crawford (New Zealand, allan.crawford@agresearch.co.nz)

There are still open positions in this committee. It is recommended that during the ISAG conference in 2010, these positions are filled (or sooner if the ISAG regulations allow it).

The comparison test results were discussed and duty laboratories for the 2009/2010 goat and sheep comparison tests were decided on and are:

Goats UC Davis, USA

Sheep LGS, Italy