

Livestock genomics for developing countries

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Date and meeting time: Thursday 19th July 2:00pm

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Agenda / programme

- 1. Heather Burrow: Value of beef CRC genomics research for developing countries (60 mins)
- 2. Max Rothschild: Consideration of genomic solutions to food security in the developing world (30 mins)
- 3. Rashedul Hoque: Discrimination of Korean native chicken lines using fifteen microsatellite markers (20 mins)
- 4. Kwan-Suk Kim: CHaracterisation and exploitation of the unique genomes and adaptions of Ethiopian cattle to changing environments (20 mins)
- 5. Brian Sayre: Goat improvement in Africa: Genomic tool development and application in a Feed the Future project. (20 mins)
- 6. Discussion about limitations and issues related to use of genomics in developing countries (including John Gibson's plenary talk) (20 mins)
- 7. Business meeting (10 mins) (approx 25 people remaining)

Number of participants at meeting: 65

Summary of the meeting including votes, decisions taken and plans for future conferences

- 1. Unanimous support for continuing a developing country workshop
- 2. Plan to work toward becoming a formal standing committee
- 3. FAO may be able to support getting people to future conferences, although they will likely be supporting WCGALP in 2014
- 4. Need to carefully carve a niche relative to other workshops like FAO Diversity and other conferences (WGALP)
- 5. There was discussion about the importance of setting standards for diversity studies, but this is likely to be covered by the diversity standing committee.

- 6. A key role for this committee is to recommend methods for in-country training and capacity building. The USAID/Feed the Future Goat Project is an ideal one to develop a model of genomics work including capacity building.
- 7. At this stage it is premature to develop standards for GWAS studies in developing countries.
- 8. Request for 3 nominations for committee and to be led by people from developing countries. Have 7 offers which is outstanding

Committee members

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Personal comment from 2012 Chairman: The support and enthusiasm for the workshop exceeded expectations. I am delighted the committee is in good hands which will ensure this is an area of focus for future ISAG conferences.