

**(A) General information:**

## **1. Are you an ISAG member?**

Number of Responses: 234

|      |     |       |   |
|------|-----|-------|---|
| Yes: | 187 | 79.9% |  |
| No:  | 47  | 20.1% |  |

## **2. What is your interest in the activities of ISAG?**

**Number of Responses:** 238

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|--|-----|-------|---|
| I am active as scientist/researcher in this field: | 189 | 79.4% |  |
| I am active in applied genetics:                   | 133 | 55.9% |  |
| I attend ISAG conferences:                         | 172 | 72.3% |  |
| I participate in comparison tests:                 | 80  | 33.6% |  |

### **3. How can ISAG be more attractive to young scientists especially?**

**Number of Responses:** 132



**4. Should ISAG consider expanding its scientific scope into new areas? For example:**

**Number of Responses:** 209

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|--|-----|-------|
| Wild populations of non- domesticates:       | 123 | 58.9% |
| Zoo animals:                                 | 77  | 36.8% |
| Cytogenetics:                                | 59  | 28.2% |
| Quantitative genetics and genomic selection: | 154 | 73.7% |
| Other suggestions::                          | 15  | 7.2%  |



Other suggestions involve:



**5. ISAG has few participants and members from Africa and Asia.**

**Number of Responses:** 187

|   |     |       |
|---|-----|-------|
| Is this due to linguistic barriers?:  | 42  | 22.5% |
| Does this reflect a reduced research presence in our field in these regions?: | 74  | 39.6% |
| Do we need a special representative from those areas in our Board?:           | 104 | 55.6% |
| Other suggestions::   | 48  | 25.7% |



Other suggestions involve:



**(B) Conferences:**

**6. ISAG Conferences are currently every two years. Do you think we should hold annual conferences?**

**Number of Responses:** 220

Yes: 49 22.3%  
No: 171 77.7%



**7. Do you like the idea of separating the conference into two parts, one with scientific presentations and the other focused on comparison tests?**

**Number of Responses:** 220

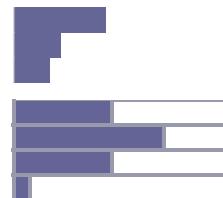
Yes: 115 52.3%  
No: 105 47.7%



#### **8. What approaches could we use to make the conferences more attractive?**

**Number of Responses:** 210

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| Better speakers:   | 88  | 41.9% |
| More social activities:  | 44  | 21.0% |
| Fewer social activities, which might reduce the length of the conference | 33  | 15.7% |
| Attractive conference sites:   | 88  | 41.9% |
| Lower conference fees:   | 148 | 70.5% |
| Fewer parallel workshops:  | 98  | 46.7% |
| Other::  | 14  | 6.7%  |



Other approaches involve:



**9. Do you have other suggestions regarding the format of the ISAG conferences?**

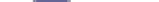
Number of Responses: 73



**10. ISAG has operated under a model in which the conference venue moves around the world. An alternative model is for conferences to rotate between two or three venues, such that it returns to the same venue multiple times. Would you support this or do you prefer the existing approach?**

## Existing approach?

**Number of Responses:** 213

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|------|-----|-------|---|
| Yes: | 180 | 84.5% |  |
| No:  | 33  | 15.5% |  |

11. Is there a need to organize subject-focused "satellite symposia"; for example, exploring disease resistance, gene editing, genomic selection, or systems biology? These symposia would be held by specific request of ISAG members and financially supported. Related overview articles could be published in *Animal Genetics*.

## Satellite symposia?

Number of Responses: 213

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| Yes: | 176 | 82.6% |  A horizontal progress bar consisting of a dark blue segment followed by a white segment. |
| No:  | 37  | 17.4% |  A horizontal progress bar consisting of a dark blue segment followed by a white segment. |

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Number of Responses: 202

|      |     |       |   |
|------|-----|-------|---|
| Yes: | 115 | 56.9% |  |
| No:  | 87  | 43.1% |  |

### (C) Animal Genetics journal:

**13. Do you know that members of ISAG have free online access to *Animal Genetics*?**

Number of Responses: 213

Yes: 162 76.1%  
No: 51 23.9%



#### **14. Do you read the journal?**

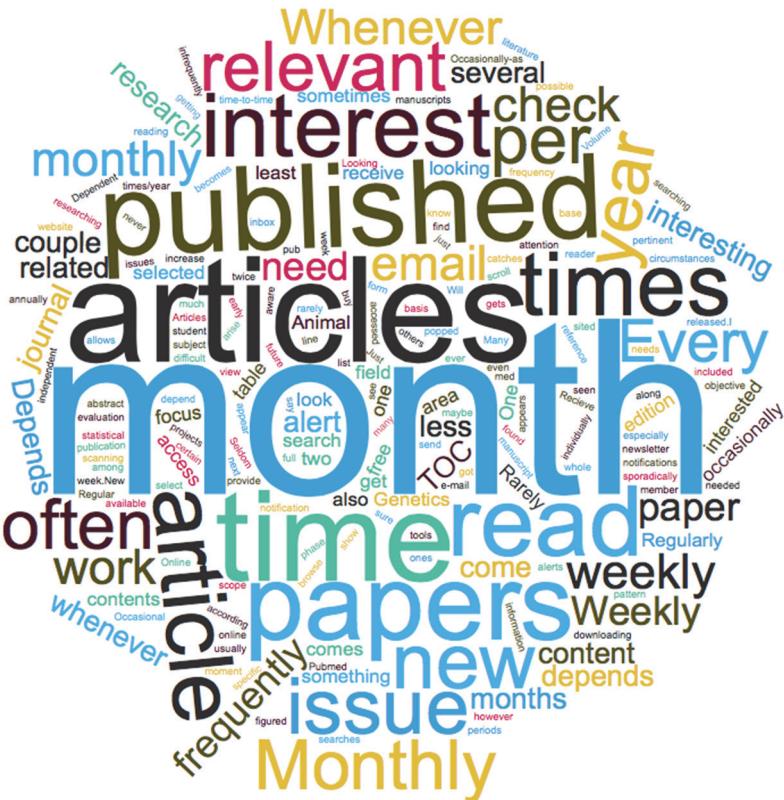
**Number of Responses:** 213

Yes: 178 83.6%  
No: 35 16.4%



**15. If yes, how often do you read the journal?**

Number of Responses: 150



#### **16. Do you publish in *Animal Genetics*?**

Number of Responses: 205

Yes: 101 49.3%  
No: 104 50.7%

**17. As a reader of *Animal Genetics*, what subject areas of interest are not adequately covered by papers that appear the journal?**

Number of Responses: 74



## **18. How can we improve the quality of and interest in *Animal Genetics*?**

Number of Responses: 81



#### **(D) Comparison Tests:**

**19. Have you ever participated in an ISAG Comparison Test?**

Number of Responses: 208



**20. If yes, what do you think can be improved (e.g., logistics, communications, costs) within the process of the comparison tests?**

**Number of Responses:** 66



## (E) The Future of ISAG:

**21. How would you like to see ISAG change by 2025? What new activities, if any, should ISAG consider?**

Number of Responses: 82

