

1 **ISAG GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
2 **August 1, 2014, Xi'an, China**  
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4 Approximately 95 people in attendance total.

5 In Attendance for the Executive Committee: Ernie Bailey (president), Ingrid Olsaker  
6 (secretary), Hein van Haeringen (treasurer), Stephen S. Moore, Max Rothschild, Noelle  
7 Cockett and Christopher Moran  
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9 **Key:**

10 EC= Executive Committee; OEC = Officers of the Executive Committee; SC= Standing  
11 Committee; CT = Comparison Test; GBM= General Business meeting; ISAG ( or Society) =  
12 International Society for Animal Genetics; IFAG ( or Foundation)= International Foundation  
13 for Animal Genetics; AGE= Animal Genetics; WB = Wiley Blackwell; LOC=Local  
14 Organizing Committee.  
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16 Ernie Bailey called the meeting to order at 1:33pm and welcomed attendees  
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18 **I. Minutes from 2012 ISAG general business meeting in Cairns, Australia**

19 -The minutes were previously posted online. No changes were offered and the minutes were  
20 approved as written.  
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22 **II. Poster Awards**

23 1) Suzuki Poster Award: This is a cash award to the student whose poster is selected based on  
24 merit from among the awardees of student bursaries. Dr. Yoshi Suzuki was one of the  
25 founding members of ISAG and the award is made in her memory. The 2014 Yoshi Suzuki  
26 Award winner was Natalie Wiedemar from University of Bern (pictured below).



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28 Joan Lunney led the judges for the Suzuki award, described the process and announced the  
29 winner from among the 62 posters from Student Travel Bursaries. These posters included the  
30 Travel Bursaries accepted by IFAG and those accepted by LOC. Judges for the Suzuki  
31 Award were Joan Lunney, Tosso Leeb, Clare Gill and Oliver Hannotte.

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33 2) Poster Awards: Participants were invited to submit their posters for the poster competition.  
34 Noelle Cockett led the poster judging and described the process for the 385 nominated poster.  
35 The following served as Poster Award Judges:

Steve Moore	Claire Rogel-Gaillard
Cindy Bottema	Merete Fredholm
Silvina Diaz	Klaus Wimmers
Peter Dovc	Bertrand Bedhom
Ernie Bailey	Thomas Bergstrom
Leanne Van De Goor	Shuyang Yu
Tad Sonstegard	Yinhua Huang
Chris Davies	Hide Mannen
Teruaki Tozaki	Anna Lewandowska-Sabat
Jun Heon Lee	Leslie Lyons
Wansheng Liu	Haruko Takeda
Denise Oliveira	Hasan Khatib
Marcelo Kuabara	Carole Charlier
Tracy Hadfield	Bjorn Hoyheim
Bianca Haase	Noelle Cockett

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38 The following were the 2014 Poster Award Winners:

Ying Guo	China Agricultural University	39
Hussain Bahbahani	University of Nottingham	

Takele Desta	University of Nottingham
Qian Zhang	China Agricultural University
Hongyan Sun	Iowa State University
Rui Qiao	Jiangxi Agricultural University
Huashui Ai	Jiangxi Agricultural University
Wanchang Zhang	Jiangxi Agricultural University
Jie Yang	Jiangxi Agricultural University
Wenting Li	China Agricultural University
Xiaorong Gu	China Agricultural University
Christin Wehrhahn	Georg-August University
Hia Xiang	China Agricultural University
Damarius Fleming	Iowa State University

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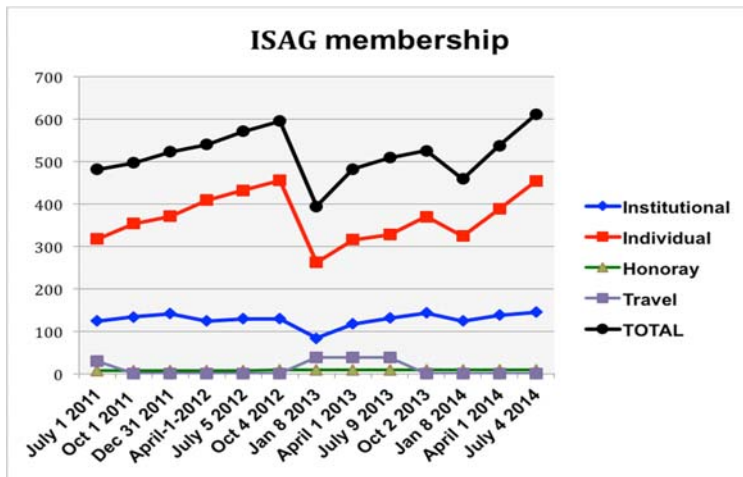
### 42 **III. Secretary's report presented by Ingrid Olsaker**

43 1) Activities of the Board

44 a) The officers of ISAG met at the FASS headquarters in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois to  
45 discuss operations with FASS.

- 46 b) The officers of ISAG (also serving as IFAG Board) and the Editor-in-Chief of *Animal*  
 47 *Genetics* met with the publisher (Wiley-Blackwell) in June 2013, May 2014 both in  
 48 Oxford UK to discuss business related to the journal.  
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 50 c) At the beginning of this conference, the Secretary met with workshop and Standing  
 51 Committee Chairs: 2014 Xi'an, China  
 52 d) The entire Executive Committee met: Sept 2013 and July 2014, both in Xi'an, China  
 53 to discuss organization of the conference and other items associated with ISAG.  
 54 e) New draft guidelines discussed and updated at board meeting May 2014 and EC  
 55 meeting July 2014.  
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57 2) Membership:  
 58 Membership numbers are higher in conference years.



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62 3) Comparison tests

63 a) For 2013-2014: *Online* consignment forms were in use for all tests through the auspices of  
 64 FASS.

65 -Cattle (SNP test 1, combined SNP and microsatellites)

66 -Horse

67 -Sheep

68 -Cat

69 -Dog

70 -Camelid (camel, alpaca and llama)

71 -Pig

72 -No test for goats in this round of tests.

73 b) News on Comparison Tests

74 -A comparison test for pigeons has been organized this year. A report will be produced

75 -Online availability of certificates for 2013-2014. Should help with those who do not  
 76 keep their email address updated and so do not receive certificate email.

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78 c) For 2015-2016:

79 i) *Online* reporting of the typing results (submission of Excel file) will be available  
 80 through FASS. Template Excel files for each test will be provided for download to fill  
 81 in the results and then for uploading on ISAG website.

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- ii) Guidelines for CT were revised and made available
- iii) Liability issues raised and committees were asked to discuss this topic in their meeting and provide a report. Since ISAG is issuing performance certificates, the participants should not hold ISAG liable for problems arising from the normal and appropriate conduct of the test. To accomplish this goal, it will be necessary for each comparison test to take the guidelines for CT and develop their own rules for CT which can serve as the point of reference for liability.

4) Workshops

a) Twenty one (21) workshops met during the Xian conference. Their final reports are posted on the ISAG website (<http://www.isag.us/committees.asp>).

b) New initiative for ISAG sponsored speakers at Workshops. The IFAG board created a new initiative for conferences, with approval of the ISAG EC for supporting keynote speakers at workshops. Standing committees were invited to nominate speakers. Speakers were nominated for 8 workshops and all were funded:

c) Keynote speakers selected for funding by IFAG:

- Ruminant Genetics and Genomics Workshop; Speaker: Tad Sonstegard.
- Cattle Molecular Markers and Parentage Testing Workshop; Speaker: Brian Wickham.
- Domestic Epigenetics Workshop; Speaker: Dr. Peter Molloy
- Genetics of the Immune Response and Disease Resistance Workshop; Speaker: Dr. Hans Cheng.
- Horse Genetics and Genomics Workshop; Speaker: Dr. Ted Kalbfleisch.
- Applied Genetics in Sheep and Goats Workshop; Speaker: Dr. Brian Paul Dalrymple.
- Animal Forensics Workshop; Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Johnson.
- ISAG-IFAG Advisory Group on Animal Genetic Diversity; Speaker: Anders Gotherstrom

d) Reports for posting on ISAG website: Deadline was August 31, 2014

5) FASS

a) To ensure the continued success of ISAG Conferences, the Executive Committee voted to employ the administrative services of FASS to handle future conference registration and abstract processing. This would be paid for by ISAG and would no longer be a financial burden on the LOC.

Question from audience.

Q: Will videos from session at this year meeting be available online?

A: This was up to conference organizers and is not something published by ISAG.

Ernie Bailey introduced Jeremy Holzner from FASS and explained his role. Jeremy Holzner has the title for ISAG as Executive Assistant and as such is empowered to deal with simple procedural matters on behalf of ISAG such as those related to membership and routine policies on comparison tests.

6) Motion to accept Secretary's Report made by Max Rothschild. Motion seconded by Stephen Moore seconds motion. Motion passes by show of hands.

128 **IV. Treasurer's report presented by Hein van Haeringen.**

129 1) Main income from membership fees and second source is from donation from IFAG which  
130 come from revenues from journal.

131 Revenues: Account for 2012-2013 in EUR:

<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Membership fees	€61.425	€74.585
Donation from journal	€23.000	€6.000
Interest	€5.492	€4.832
Contribution from ICAR	-	€2.500
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>€89.917</b>	<b>€87.917</b>

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133 Operating Costs:

<b>Operating costs</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Executive Committee	€1.242	€1.759
Poster Awards	€2.771	€0
Suzuki Award	€2.000	0
Journal subscriptions	€1.248	€18.597
FASS	€23.672	€12.374
Accountant Audit	€4.725	€5.649
Insurance	€1.456	€769
Bank costs	€1.621	€6.221
Administration	€306	€506
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€69.041</b>	<b>€65.875</b>
<b>RESULT NET PROFIT</b>	<b>€20.876</b>	<b>€22.042</b>
<b>TOTAL owned per December 31</b>	<b>€205.333</b>	<b>€227.375</b>

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135 2) As the financial health of ISAG is strong, there will be no increase of membership fees  
136 during the next two years.

137 3) Future activities

138 i) A new treasurer was elected (Christian Looft) from University of Bonn. His role is  
139 changed from previous years in that he will have assistance of a Financial  
140 Administrator (Hein van Haeringen) and will supervise the Financial Administrator in  
141 conducting the banking and financial activities of the society.

142 ii) Ernie Bailey notes that the financial situation for ISAG and IFAG has become more  
143 complicated and the EC was of the opinion that scientists that comprise the  
144 membership of ISAG may benefit from expert assistance in this area. The EC  
145 recognized that Hein van Haeringen has this expertise and retained him as the first  
146 Financial Administrator for ISAG and IFAG. Support for this position comes from  
147 ISAG and IFAG depending on the division of duties for each group.

148 Question from audience directed to Hein van Haeringen:

149 Q: What are the duties of financial administrator compared to the treasurer?

150 A: The financial administrator will be responsible for book keeping. The treasurer will see  
151 that all is correct and proceeding appropriately and how to handle investments. All final  
152 decisions will be with the treasurer.

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154 Stephen Moore makes motion to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Ntanganedzeni Olivia  
155 Mapholi. Motion passes by show of hands.

156 Ernie Bailey presents Hein with gift and plaque to honor his service to ISAG/IFAG over the  
157 years and specifically as treasurer during the past 8 years. During his tenure as treasurer, a  
158 crisis had occurred in which the tax exempt status of ISAG was challenged. In response, the  
159 Society was reformed as two societies, one with responsibility for membership and conferences  
160 (ISAG) and one with responsibility for the journal and comparison tests (IFAG). As a result  
161 of these changes and also as a result of excellent management, the financial health of the  
162 Society (ISAG and IFAG) was strong.

### 163 **V. Honorary member**

164 ISAG has the option of electing scientists to honorary membership based on their scientific  
165 accomplishments. The process entails nomination by the EC and election by the membership  
166 at a business meeting. This year, the EC nominated Frank Nicholas of Sydney, Australia

167 The nomination presented by Chris Moran with pamphlet provided to audience with full  
168 biography on nominee and Chris Moran outlines accomplishments. Unfortunately, Frank  
169 Nicholas could not be present at the meeting due to the happy obligation of participating in  
170 wedding for one of his children.

171 The handout for the nomination is shown below:



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**Professor Emeritus Frank W. Nicholas  
University of Sydney**



Frank Nicholas was born in October 1947 in Parkes, New South Wales, Australia. Frank began his career with the practical aspects of agriculture. He completed a certificate in Agriculture at the Yanco Agriculture College in 1965 then returned to the family farm to raise sheep and wheat. Shortly thereafter, he returned to university, completing a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with Honours at the University of Sydney in 1971 then earned a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh in 1974 under the supervision of Allan Robertson. Since then, Frank has been a member of faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney.

Frank has taught and conducted research on a wide range of topics related to quantitative genetics and genomics of animals. Research topics have included wallabys, dogs and most species of livestock. During his career he has published well and often, collaborating with many of the leading researchers in animal genetics. His most recent publication is as a co-author of the sheep genome sequence paper in *Science*.

Frank's interests in animal health led him to publish *Veterinary Genetics* in 1987 followed by *Introduction to Veterinary Genetics* in 1996. The latter book is popular and has seen three editions as well as publication in many languages.

Frank is also the creator and curator of the *Online Mendelian Inheritance in Animals (OMIA)*. This resource is a database compendium of inherited disorders and other single locus traits in domestic animals. On one hand it is an effective tool to discover what research has been done within a species; on the other it is a unique resource to compare the genetics of similar disorders in diverse species. (<http://omia.angis.org.au>)

In addition to scholarly work on the genetics of animals, Frank has been fascinated by the life of Charles Darwin. In 1990, he and his wife, Jan, wrote and published, *Darwin in Australia*, an account of Darwin's visit to Australia and its influence on the development of Darwin's theory of evolution. An anniversary edition was published in 2008.

Frank recently retired from the University of Sydney but continues to be active in the field of animal genetics. He is active in research on sheep genomics and the genetics of hip dysplasia in dogs. He also continues to curate *OMIA*.

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174 EC makes motion to accept honorary member of ISAG. Audience asked to vote by applause.  
175 Motion passes and Frank Nicholas is the newest Honorary Member for ISAG.

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177 **VI. Executive Committee Motion #1**

178 The EC has discussed an initiative to honor ISAG members for service to the society. Many  
179 professional societies have such honors and it seemed appropriate in light of the contributions  
180 made by some individuals.

181 Proposed Award:

182 *Fellow of the International Society for Animal Genetics.*

183 *Nature of Award: Presentation of a plaque at the General Business Meeting of the Society.*

184 *Purpose: To recognize distinguished service to the Society and the livestock animal genetics*  
185 *industry over a long period of time.*

186 *Eligibility for Nomination:*

187 *Persons who have rendered very distinguished service to the International Society for Animal*  
188 *Genetics and had membership in the Society for a minimum of 10 years, and who are in good*  
189 *standing in the Society, are eligible.*

190 *Selection: Fellows are nominated by members of the Society. The Executive committee will*  
191 *review applications and announce fellows at the International Meetings.*

192 *Dossier must include the following materials:*

193 *Letter of nomination.*

194 *CV/Biography of the nominee.*

195 *Photo of nominee.*

196 Question from audience:  
197 Q: What is the difference between honorary member and fellow?  
198 A: Ernie Bailey explained major difference is continued and sustained service to the society.  
199 This differs from the Honorary Membership which is focused on scientific contribution alone.  
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201 Question from audience:  
202 Q: What percentage of society would we expect to become fellow?  
203 A: Ernie Bailey responded that this had not been discussed. Max Rothschild opined that  
204 probably one per meeting would be appropriate.  
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206 Question from audience:  
207 Q: What would the cost be for this program?  
208 A: Just a plaque will be provided so limited funds needed to financially support the fellow award.  
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210 Motion made by EC to create ISAG Fellowship Award as outlined above. Voting by show of  
211 hands passes with none opposed. Motion passes.

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213 **VII. Executive Committee Motion #2**  
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215 This year, IFAG and ISAG took the initiative to support speakers at workshops, as described  
216 above. The opportunity occurred based on the financial health of the society and was not  
217 anticipated at the last business meeting. If this initiative is to continue, it should have support  
218 of the membership.  
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220 Discussion from the audience:

221 -James Kijas agreed that it went well but should determine some sort of criteria to ensure  
222 these invitations to attract high quality individuals and talks.

223 -Joan Lunney asked that they be organized separately from normal workshop sessions and to  
224 better advertise so the membership is aware of them.

225 -Alan Archibald suggested that we are likely to receive more proposals in the future and have  
226 to make choices about funded speakers. Criteria for selection should be developed although  
227 we should avoid being too specific in defining those criteria because the nature of the  
228 workshops varies widely.

229 -Max Rothschild notes that it would be useful that the speaker criteria not be too broadly  
230 defined but should develop guidelines beyond “the EC decides.”

231 -Joan Lunney said they could operate similar to student travel bursaries.

232 - Unidentified member comment: note that it could be difficult to invite people without  
233 knowing if they will be approved for funds. Should be fixed in advance on which workshops  
234 can be supported and which cannot so speakers and committees are not left unsure during the  
235 process.

236 -Audience member comment: Suggestion to set a budgeted amount and then notify the  
237 committee chairs on the amount they have to spend and let them determine who they can  
238 afford to fund.



239 - Ernie Bailey responded: This year, USD3500.00 was available per workshop and EC asked  
240 them to identify the speaker, explain the contribution and provide a budget.

241 Ernie Bailey asks that suggestion on exactly how to administer this program be emailed to EC  
242 ([ISAGsecretary@assocchq.org](mailto:ISAGsecretary@assocchq.org)).

243 Motion made by EC to support workshop speakers. Voting by show of hands with majority  
244 approving and none opposed. Motion passes.  
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246 **VIII. Executive Committee Motion #3**

247 The EC offered a motion to encourage participation in ISAG by scientists from developing  
248 countries. The premise for this motion was that financial constraints were greater in  
249 developing countries than elsewhere and increased support might be considered.

250 Discussion from the membership:

251 Unidentified Member 1: Bursaries that support women specifically should be included as  
252 well.

253 Unidentified Member 2: Why is India not included on the list?

254 Max Rothschild notes that Southeast Asia would include India and is not being excluded.  
255 Also noted he is EC member proposing this and regarding women he notes they would not  
256 exclude by gender and the goal is to support scientists who have no other funding means.

257 Unidentified Member 3: Notes that quality and equal opportunity are not the same thing in  
258 regards to supporting women specifically. Another member notes only one plenary speaker  
259 was a woman this year.

260 Max Rothschild notes that plenary speakers for 2014 have been decided by LOC. ISAG is  
261 moving to take on more control of who the speakers will be at future meetings

262 Chris Moran asks why not just say “developing countries” instead of being specific. Max  
263 Rothschild notes there are many ways to describe “developing countries” and the proposal  
264 was trying to avoid those descriptions and the list was meant to simply be a “for instance” and  
265 not meant to be exclusionary.

266 Ernie asks for better description to assist in guiding EC on this matter.

267 Audience member asked about cost/budget and Max Rothschild notes the amount discussed  
268 was USD 10,000 per fellowship opportunity.

269 Max Rothschild adds that the proposal is trying to support scientist that have no funds to  
270 participate in educational and research opportunities and not to support individuals from  
271 developed countries who have the funds to support such efforts.

272 Unidentified member asks about possibility of hosting a conference in Africa. Ernie notes  
273 that this motion/discussion is not related to conference location or conference organization.  
274 People are free to offer to host the conference from anywhere in the world. We have not yet  
275 had an invitation from Africa.

276 Friendly amendment by audience member to insert “for instance” into motion. Motion  
277 Seconded. Motion Passes.

278 *Motion made by EC to support research in developing countries (for instance, Latin America,*  
279 *Africa, and South-East Asia) through: a. Bursaries and b. Research fellowships in*  
280 *laboratories of ISAG members. Vote by show of hands with majority approving and none*  
281 *opposing. Motion passes.*

282 Details for implementing the motion will be determined by the EC.

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## 284 **IX. Election results presented by Hein van Haeringen**

285 -- President (2014) --

### 286 **183 votes for Ernest Bailey**

287 183 total votes cast by 183 members

288 -- Secretary (2014) --

### 289 **182 votes for Ingrid Olsaker**

290 182 total votes cast by 182 members

291 -- Treasurer (2014) --

### 292 **178 votes for Christian Looft**

293 178 total votes cast by 178 members

294 -- Executive Committee Members (2014; 2 positions open) --

### 295 **141 votes for James Kijas**

### 296 **131 votes for Noelle Cockett**

297 48 votes for Leanne van de Goor

298 28 votes for Sree Kanthaswamy

### 299 **Total votes cast by 186 members**

300 All newly elected individuals have been notified and have accepted the position.

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## 302 **X. Proposals for New Standing Committees**

### 303 1) Livestock Genomics for Developing Countries Genetics

304 Ntanganedzeni Olivia Mapholi from committee presented the request to create a new  
305 standing committee.

306 - Motion for Livestock Genomics Developing Committee to become standing  
307 committee. Vote taken by show of hands with majority approving motion and none  
308 opposed. Motion passes

### 309 2) Genomics of Aquaculture Species

310 Bjorn Hoyheim was presented the request to form this committee.

311 - Motion for Genomics of Aquaculture Species Committee to become standing  
312 committee. Vote taken by show of hands with majority approving and none opposed.  
313 Motion passes.

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315 **XI. Editor's Report presented by Chris Moran**

316 - Acknowledges Associate Editors

317 -Dr James Kijas, CSIRO, Brisbane, Australia (2007)

318 -Dr Anna Sonesson, Nofima, Ås, Norway (2012)

319 -Professor Klaus Wimmers, Dummerstorf, Germany (2013)

320 -Prof Christopher Tuggle, Iowa State, USA (resigned 2012)

321 -Dr John Bastiaansen, Wageningen, Netherlands (resigned 2014)

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323 -Announces new editorial team starting August 1, 2014

324 -Editor in Chief

325 -Johannes Lenstra

326 -Associate Editors

327 -James Kijas

328 -Anna Sonesson

329 -Klaus Wimmers

330 -Göran Andersson

331 -Tad Sonstegard

332 -One more - to be appointed by Hans Lenstra – More quantitative subject area.

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334 -Editorial Board

335 The four year terms for nearly all individuals have expired with this meeting. Hans Lenstra,  
336 as Editor in Chief, will make recommendations for creating a new Editorial Board. The  
337 Editorial Board was not used very much during the last 8 years, however the offer of services  
338 by the following were gratefully acknowledged:

339 -James Reecy

340 -Christa Kühn

341 -Daniel C. Ciobanu

342 -Bertrand Bed'hom

343 -Kent M Reed

344 -Georgia Hadjipavlou

345 -Teruaki Tozaki

346 -Claire Wade

347 -Leslie A. Lyons

348 -Jianlin Han

349 -Edwige Quillet

350 -Sylvie Lapègue

351 -Hans D. Daetwyler

352 -M.P.L. (Mario) Calus

353 -Richard Crooijmans

354 -Mick Watson

355 -Paolo Ajmone Marsan

356 -Sree Kanthaswamy

357 -Joan K. Lunney

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359 -Journal Statistics  
360 Number of Manuscripts:  
361 -In the 12 months to April 29:  
362 -2014: 345  
363 (*544 including re-submissions ~ 1.5 per day*)  
364 -2013: 328  
365 -2012: 345  
366 -ISAG members – please submit your papers to *Animal Genetics* to keep the journal  
367 strong  
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369 -Journal Statistics – overall acceptance rate  
370 -In the 12 months to April:  
371 -2014: 33.1%  
372 -2013: 29.6%  
373 -Publisher advises that acceptance rate of around 30% is better for improving journal  
374 impact: in previous years, we have hovered around 39%  
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376 -Journal Statistics-turnaround time for processing manuscripts  
377 -Average time to final decision In the 12 months to April 29:  
378 -Avg. days from submission to final decision  
379 -2014 overall: 55.4  
380 -2013 overall: 49.6  
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382 -Journal Statistics – Impact Factor#  
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384 IF AAD\* GenHer\*  
385 • 2012 2.584 2/54 80/161  
386 • 2011 2.403 3/55 89/157  
387 # Average citations per paper (excluding Brief Reports) in the two years following  
388 publication  
389 \*AAD – Agriculture, Animal and Dairy Science; GenHer – Genetics and Heredity  
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391 -Special Issues  
392 -“Morris Soller: Energizing Animal Breeding and Genetics” - July 2012 at ISAG meeting  
393 in Cairns  
394 -“Epigenetics” - appearing in August 2014  
395 -Special issues tend to be highly cited and have a favorable effect on the journal impact  
396 factor. Typical cost is about USD 7,500.00 for a special issue.  
397 -Please contact Hans Lenstra if you have suggestions for a special issue  
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399 -Concluding Remarks  
400 -My final action after almost 8 years as EiC: Thanks to all associate editors, past and  
401 present editorial staff at Wiley, especially technical editors (currently Denise  
402 Rothschild) and Production editors (Sue Tok) and the ISAG Executive Committee for  
403 their support. It has been an honor to be EiC and I appreciate the opportunity given to  
404 me.  
405 -Notes that the journal is in good shape and in good hands for the future  
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407 Ernie Bailey thanked Chris for his outstanding service. The last 8 years had been challenging  
408 in the area of journal publications. Chris Moran put in place the system of associate editors.

409 He was a strong proponent for the journal, conducting workshops at conferences on publishing  
410 journal articles. The advent of Open Access has created some confusion about publishing  
411 among scientists. Chris was a strong advocate of the policies for AGE which included the  
412 option for Open Access publishing. He also oversaw the transition to publication of AGE  
413 only online. Ernie Bailey presents Chris Moran with plaque and gift for service.

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## 416 **XII. Future Conferences**

417 As voted at the previous conference, the 2016 Conference for the International Society for  
418 Animal Genetics will be held in Salt Lake City with Clare Gill serving as host.

419 1) Denver was original option but was far too expensive to consider

420 2) July 23-27, 2016 will be date of next ISAG Conference.

421 3) Venue is convenient to fly into and out of is only 7 minutes from conference venue with  
422 light rail access in city.

423 4) Bike path access. Temperatures will be warm but very well air conditioned buildings.

424 5) Local travel agents will be onsite to assist with outings.

425 6) Will be held at Hilton or local conference center. Hilton seems most reasonable for  
426 meeting of ISAG size. Will confirm logistics before final decision is made. All of the hotels  
427 are very close to convention center if that is the final choice.

428 7) Call on chairs for workshops and standing committees to identify options for speakers in  
429 plenary sessions. These individuals will compose the scientific program committee.

430 8) Meeting being organized with cooperation of ASAS who is holding their 2016 ADSA-  
431 ASAS Joint Annual Meeting the week prior and notes that the first session of the ISAG 2016  
432 conference will be joint session with ASAS with all other session being standard ISAG  
433 meeting sessions.

434 9) Feedback requested on anything that may be of help to 2016 organizing committee as they  
435 plan 2016 conference. Specifically, things that have worked well and things that have not for  
436 past ISAG meetings.

437 Unidentified member: Some workshops overlapped and many could not attend all workshops.  
438 Also asked to have more access to posters.

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440 10) A Proposal for Dublin, Ireland conference in 2017 was presented by John Flynn

441 a) John Flynn and Romy Morin offered to host the 2017 Conference in Dublin, Ireland

442 b) Weatherby Ireland DNA Laboratory is in Ireland and has been ISAG Institutional member  
443 for 30 years.

444 c) Ireland has large agricultural economy.

445 d) Very accessible to from both east and west.

446 e) Not far from country side with rich culture and many activities.

447 f) Large number of accommodations ranging from 3-5 star hotels

448 g) James Kijas asks about one year interval between meetings and what it might due to  
449 attendance.

450 i) In 2012 it was voted to switch to meeting on odd years. Comparison test will either  
451 skip a year or have them in two consecutive years.

452 ii) First time since 1950s that back to back meetings have occurred. Discussions about  
453 attendance issues have occurred but are difficult to predict.

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455 Motion to accept Ireland proposal for 2017 ISAG Conference made by Max Rothschild.  
456 Motion seconded by Ann Trezise. Vote by show of hands with majority approving motion and  
457 none opposing. Motion passes.

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459 **XIII. The conference venue for 2019 has no invitations at the moment.**

460 Members are invited to make proposals.

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462 **XIV. Executive Committee Motion #4**

463 In light of the change of conferences from even years to odd years (voted at previous business  
464 meeting) there will need to be some changes to terms for officers during the change-over  
465 period.

466 EC makes motion that a four year term on the EC will be considered equivalent as serving for  
467 **two conferences**. Specifically, those elected in 2014 have terms ending in 2017 and those  
468 elected in 2016 have terms ending in 2019. Vote by show of hands with majority approving  
469 motion and none opposing. Motion passes.

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471 **XV. Any other business**

472 The Organizers of Xi'An 2014 were thanked for a very successful meeting.

473 Meeting adjourned by Ernie Bailey at 3:27pm