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This year marks the 21st anniversary of my involvement in ISAG. I joined as a graduate student, and the 1996 conference in Tours was the first ISAG conference I attended. Since joining ISAG, I have been to all but two of the biannual conferences. At the conferences, I have regularly helped with poster judging. I have also completed ad hoc manuscript reviews for *Animal Genetics*. Last year I hosted the 35th ISAG Conference in Salt Lake City, which included innovations like the one-day overlap with the American Society of Animal Science to promote scientific exchange among members of both societies, and trialing ePosters. I was also awarded a NIFA-AFRI conference grant (2016-67015-24536) to support the attendance of 10 US graduate students or early career investigators presenting at last year's conference. As a current member of the ISAG executive committee, I have shared my knowledge of ISAG conference organization with the local

organizing committee for ISAG 2017 in Dublin, and David MacHugh and I were awarded a NIFA-AFRI conference grant (2017-67015-26298) to support another 9 US graduate students or early career investigators presenting at this year's conference. I am honored by the nomination for the position of Secretary.