



My research group studies the functional elements of the porcine genome, focusing currently on the immune system. I have been an active member of ISAG since 1992, having missed only one Conference since joining at the Interlaken meeting. I currently serve the International Society of Animal Genetics in multiple roles, including as an Executive Committee member (since 2019), and as Chair (Functional Annotation of Animal Genomes (FAANG) Workshop) or Co-Chair (Genetics of Immune Response and Disease Resistance). I have served for several cycles as a member and Chair of the Comparative and Functional Genomics Workshop. I also have a leading role in the FAANG Consortium, currently serving as the Co-Chair of the Steering Committee and Co-leader of the Task Force on Single Cell Genomics.

ISAG is the most important Animal Genetics society world-wide, and has a bright future. I would like to help guide that future by serving in this leadership role. I believe there are excellent opportunities to use

our talent and resources to expand participation and improve the scientific content provided at our biennial conferences, while maintaining the excellence and diversity displayed at each conference. Areas I would like to prioritize are expanding ISAG efforts to train, educate and involve early career scientists, and an increased emphasis on integration of genomics and phenomics. Through interacting with many ISAG members over the last 30 years, I believe the Society is interested in these directions. By working together, effective mechanisms can be created to update our already strong conferences and society.