



Jun Heon Lee

Jun Heon Lee, PhD, has been a member of ISAG since 1998, and as a PhD student, he received a travel bursary award from ISAG in 2000. Lee has always felt that he grew up with ISAG, and believes now it is time to contribute to the ISAG society. Since 2002, Lee has served as a lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, and now a professor of animal genetics in the Department of Animal Science and Biotechnology at Chungnam National University, Korea. His research interests include:

1. Investigation of MHC diversity in pigs and chicken, and
2. Investigation of structural variations and functions of the genes for production traits in domestic animals.

Lee has been an active member of the ISAG Swine Leukocyte Antigen (SLA) Nomenclature Committee since 2002. He is also very interested in fostering Asian collaboration in the field of animal genetics.

Lee's experience in molecular genetics began during his PhD studies (1997–2001) at the University of Sydney, Australia, and continued through his postdoctoral research (2001–2002) at the University of Illinois. His main research has focused on candidate genes for production traits in domestic animals. Recently, he has developed an interest in identifying molecular markers for the conservation and utilization of animal genetic resources in Asia. Currently, he serves as dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Life Science at Chungnam National University, Korea, and as a section editor for *Animal Biosciences*. He has published more than 300 peer-reviewed research articles, including in *Animal Genetics*. Lee is also serving as the chair of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the 2025 ISAG Conference in Daejeon, Korea, aiming to ensure a successful conference and to promote the expansion of animal genetics research in Asian countries.