

Genetics of Immune Response and Disease Resistance

STANDING COMMITTEES / WORKSHOPS

**Date and meeting time:** July 31, 2014, 2:00-5:30 pm

**Chair name and contact email:**

Due to family emergency, Stephen White (chair of workshop at 2014 ISAG) was not able to attend the meeting. Huaijun Zhou was asked to chair the workshop.

• Chair: Huaijun Zhou: [hzhou@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hzhou@ucdavis.edu)

• Co-Chair: Claire Rogel-Gaillard: [claire.rogel-gaillard@jouy.inra.fr](mailto:claire.rogel-gaillard@jouy.inra.fr) (chair lightning talks)

**Number of participants at meeting:** 130

**Summary of the meeting** including votes, decisions taken and plans for future conferences

1. Chair's report of activities of the committee

Workshop attendance: 130

Thank speakers for excellent presentations and attendees for stimulating questions and discussion.

a) The committee appreciated the separation in time of the Genetics of the immune Response, MHC, and Comparative & Functional Genomics workshops to facilitate participation in each. Thank the conference organizers.

However, Genetics of the Immune Response was overlapped with both Domestic Livestock Epigenetics and Pig Genetics and Genomics, in which many attendees are interested in 2 or all 3 workshops. The Standing Committee will draft new workshop arrangement for the ISAG organizer as a reference.

b) Invited speaker for the workshop was a success. Thanks the organizer for providing financial support for this. The committee suggested if the invited speaker could have more interactions with student and post-doc in the lightning talks in the 2016 ISAG meeting.

c) The lightning round of short talks to facilitate student and post-doc presentations was a success. The committee supports continued use of such presentations in the future to develop talent in the field. In the current workshop, applicants for bursaries were used to distinguish students and post-docs from other attendees. The committee requests a checkbox on future ISAG abstract submissions to facilitate the broadest possible consideration for participation in future lightning round presentations, not only restricted to applicants who were successful in getting a bursary.

d) The committee discussed possibilities for better utilization of opportunities of selected speakers for each workshop (some speakers were asked to give the same talk at different workshops). The committee requests if it is possible to set up an online system or other mechanism to avoid such overlap.

e) The committee requested a name change from Genetics of the Immune Response to Genetics of the Immune Response and Disease Resistance to reflect the full scope of committee in 2012. But it seems the name of workshop hasn't been changed this year. The committee requests its change in 2016.

## 2. Committee composition

The committee is expected to include five to seven members. More can be added if needed. Chris Tuggle was nominated as a new member.

a) New members added:  
Chris Tuggle

b) New committee composition, including ends of terms and emails:

Stephen White (2017, second term): [swhite@vetmed.wsu.edu](mailto:swhite@vetmed.wsu.edu)

Claire Rogel-Gaillard (2017, second term): [claire.rogel-gaillard@jouy.inra.fr](mailto:claire.rogel-gaillard@jouy.inra.fr)

John Williams (2017, second term): [john.williams@tecnoparco.org](mailto:john.williams@tecnoparco.org)

Graham Plastow (2016): [plastow@ualberta.ca](mailto:plastow@ualberta.ca)

Keith Ballingall (2016): [keith.ballingall@more.dun.ac.uk](mailto:keith.ballingall@more.dun.ac.uk)

Huaijun Zhou (2016): [hzhou@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hzhou@ucdavis.edu)

Yaofeng Zhao (2016): [yaofengzhao@cau.edu.cn](mailto:yaofengzhao@cau.edu.cn)

Chris Tuggle (2017): [cktuggle@iastate.edu](mailto:cktuggle@iastate.edu)

c) In the past, vice chair will stand as chair for the next two years. The ISAG organizer during this year's workshop chairs' meeting strongly suggested if chair can serve one term instead of two years. In that case, Stephen White will continue to serve as a chair in 2016. Huaijun Zhou who had been elected as vice chair before the ISAG meeting will co-chair with Stephen White in 2016 and stand as chair in 2018.

## 3. Discuss format and content of workshop to aid planning of 2016 workshop

a) Organization of 2016 Workshop: The committee members are aware that they will have to propose a program for the next ISAG meeting in 2016 by selecting oral presentations from the submitted abstracts found relevant for the workshop on genetics of immune response and disease resistance.

b) A lightning roundtable will be organized by selecting oral presentations from the submitted abstracts found relevant for the workshop on genetics of immune response and disease resistance.