



CONFERENCE 2014, Xi'an, China

Ruminant Genetics and Genomics

STANDING COMMITTEES / WORKSHOPS

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Date and meeting time: Tuesday July 29th 2014; 2pm – 6pm

Chair, name and contact email: James Kijas james.kijas@csiro.au

Number of participants at meeting: 120 – 150

Workshop Program

Time	Author name	Presentation topic	Abstract number
2:00 – 2:30	Sonstegard	The identification of the mutation for SLICK hair coat in Senepol cattle - an adaptive variant with effects on thermotolerance	Invited Speaker: abs593
2:30 – 2:45	Hussain Bahbahani	Genome-wide identification of signatures of positive selection in African admixed zebu cattle.	abs106
2:45 – 3:00	Albano Beja-Pereira	Computational tools to exploit cattle exomes.	abs673
3:00 – 3:15	Jiang Yu	Detection of large-scale variation among sheep, goat and cattle genomes.	abs639
3:15 - 3:30	Le Yu	Identification of molecular circuits involved in epigenetic re-modelling in the ovine pars tuberalis using next gener...	abs125
3:30 – 4:00	Coffee	Coffee	
4:00 – 4:15	Catarina Ginja	Sharing of maternal lineages between aurochs and domestic cattle in the Iberian Peninsula: introgression and/or local...	abs126
4:15 – 4:30	Tao Zhong	Domestication and geographic origin of Chinese goats: insights into the evolutionary history of Eurasian goats	abs247
4:30 – 4:45	Elena Ciani	Genetic structure and relationships of Merino breeds assessed by genome-wide	abs574

		SNP analysis	
4:45 – 5:00	Amparo Martinez	Analysing the autosomal diversity of Spanish goat and sheep breeds at a whole-genome scale	abs625
5:00 – 5:15	Sangang He	Genome-wide scan for selection signatures in Chinese Merino and Kasak sheep	abs662
5:15 – 5:30	Chousheng Liu	Conservation, utilization, genetic diversity and origin of Chinese indigenous sheep	abs383
5:30 – 5:45	Vinicius Henrique Silva	Identification and validation of CNV in Nelore and possible associations with meat tenderness	abs528

Notes

The program was structured to have one (invited) 30 minute presentation followed by 11 shorter 15 minutes presentations. This proved overly ambitious, with a number of speakers going over time. With questions, this meant the program ran late by approximately 15 minutes. It may be better to have fewer presentations that are longer.

Business Meeting.

At the conclusion of the 12 presentations, the business meeting was held.

The Chair detailed the current membership of the Standing Committee and their status with regard their 4 year terms:

James Kijas (Chair)	Term 2012 – 2016 (first term)
Tad Sonstegard	Term 2010 – 2014 (first term)
Steve Moore	Term 2010 – 2014 (first term)
Magda Benevides	Term 2012 – 2016 (first term)

Two vacancies were available to be filled during the meeting, as both Drs Sonstegard and Moore were completing their first 4 year terms. Prior to the meeting, the chair consulted with each to determine if they wished to re-nominate for a second 4 year term. Dr Sonstegard indicated he would, which he publically indicated when asked by the chair during the business meeting. Dr Moore declined by email and was not present at the meeting.

The chair then asked for new nominations from the floor for candidates to fill the vacant positions. Despite ample opportunity provided by the chair, only one new nomination was forthcoming:

Dr Tad Sonstegard nominated Dr George Liu.

Given only two nominees were identified for consideration to fill the two available positions, a vote was not required.

Membership of the standing committee at the conclusion of the business meeting was as follows:

James Kijas (Chair)	Term 2012 – 2016 (first term)	james.kijas@csiro.au
Tad Sonstegard	Term 2014 – 2017 (second term)	Tad.Sonstegard@ARS.USDA.GOV
Magda Benevides	Term 2012 – 2016 (first term)	magda.benevides@embrapa.br
George Liu	Term 2014 – 2017 (first term)	george.liu@ars.usda.gov

Workshop adjourned.

These minutes have been checked and edited by Drs Sonstegard and Liu on behalf of the standing committee.



Dr James Kijas
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