

### Keynote speakers include

Mr Matt Dempsey	Irish Farmers' Journal
Prof Les Firbank	North Wyke Research (BBSRC)
Dr Alistair Carson	Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI)
Dr Harry Clark	Agresearch NZ
Prof John Oldham	Scottish Agricultural College (SAC)
Prof Ian Crute	Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board (AHDB)
Mr Matt Dobbs	Westpoint Veterinary Group, consultant veterinary surgeon to Tesco
Dr Jonathan Birnie	Dunbia (Feed Industry)
Prof Peter Gregory	Scottish Crop Research Institute (SCRI)
Dr Mike Wilkinson	University of Nottingham

### Captive Animals

Dr Kat Bell	WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition
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### Animal Breeding and Fertility

Dr Donagh Berry	Agricultural and Food Development Authority (Teagasc)
Dr Gerard Albers	Hendrix Genetics, The Netherlands
Dr Bruce Moss	Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI)
Dr Ian Richardson	University of Bristol
Dr Matt Lucy	University of Missouri, USA

### Grassland

Dr Jean-Louis Peyraud	National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA), France
Dr Pat Dillon	Agricultural and Food Development Authority (Teagasc)
Dr Lynne Dawson	Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI)

### Crops and Soils

Dr Lyndsay Easson	Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI)
Prof Tammo Steenhuis	Cornell University, USA
Prof Keith Smith	University of Edinburgh

### Agricultural Economics

Dr Trevor Donnellan	Teagasc
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### Equine Specialists

Dr Colin Roberts	Cambridge University
Dr Jack Murphy	University College Dublin
Dr Jo-Anne Murray	University of Edinburgh
Dr David Marlin	Equine Consultant
Dr Pat Harris	WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition

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World food demand is predicted to double from present levels by 2050, driven by a projected 40% increase in population growth and changes in eating patterns. This will undoubtedly lead to greater demand for livestock products. However, our ability to increase food production is constrained by a number of factors, including competing demands for land use for energy production and recreational use, together with the impact of climate change on land availability and productivity. This conference will bring together a range of international research scientists to discuss future priorities for agricultural research and development and, in particular, to examine factors influencing the efficiency of food and energy production.

Delegates will include scientists, economists, livestock industry representatives, opinion formers, government policy advisors and those involved in influencing future agricultural research and development or in translating research into practice. Details on registration can be found at [http://www.bsas.org.uk/Meetings\\_&\\_Workshops/](http://www.bsas.org.uk/Meetings_&_Workshops/)

There will be over 450 presentations covering a wide range of scientific disciplines, including a wide range of animal science studies, together with economics and crop and soil studies.

The meeting includes a number of keynote papers related to Livestock Genetics and Breeding including sessions on :

- **Genetics and Health:** Presentations will cover genetics related to livestock health such as tuberculosis and digital dermatitis in dairy cows, energy utilisation in dairy cows, genetics related to nematode resistance and interaction with nutrition.

- **Progress and Potential from Animal Breeding:** This session features invited papers from Donagh Berry (Teagasc, Ireland) on ‘Quantitative and Molecular Genetics; a Love Story’ and Gerard Albers (Hendrix Genetics, The Netherlands) on ‘Genomic Selection in Poultry and Pig Breeding: a Breakthrough Technology?’ Advancements in utilising molecular information (e.g., SNP chips) in livestock breeding programmes will also be featured.
- **Developments in Genetic Evaluations:** This session will address some of the recent developments in genetic evaluations across of range of traits and livestock species, examining new traits and models for national genetic evaluations, the impact of selection in the field and results from the implementation of genomic selection in dairy cattle in Ireland.
- **Genetics and Feed Efficiency:** Presentations will examine both quantitative and molecular aspects of feed efficiency across a range of species.
- **Genetics poster and Highlights session:** A range of poster presentations will focus on studies in animal breeding and genetics. There will also be a Highlights Discussion Session, with authors presenting a “flavour” of their study.

In addition to the Genetics sessions, a wide range of Animal Science disciplines (e.g., nutrition, behaviour & welfare, health, product quality, equine science, reproduction) will also be covered in the meeting. Topics of current policy and industrial relevance will include:

- **Livestock and Environment:** ‘Ruminants and Environment’; ‘Priorities for Land Use’; and ‘Livestock and Climate Change: Impacts and Mitigation’.
- **Role of Animal Science:** Some of the highlights will include the Presidents session with an invited paper on “Harnessing scientific developments in practice”, the Hammond Lecture to be given by Prof John Oldham entitled “Animal Science - Recent Progress and Future Challenges”, and a session on “What Industry wants from Animal Science”

If you wish to receive more information or to register for the conference, please contact the BSAS office – [bsas@sac.ac.uk](mailto:bsas@sac.ac.uk) or visit the BSAS website where you can register on-line [www.bsas.org.uk](http://www.bsas.org.uk)