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EADGENE

European Animal Disease Genomics Network of Excellence for Animal Health and Food Safety

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EDITORIAL

This is the third, improved EADGENE newsletter. In order to reduce size and text pages, the newsletter has been set up as a portal toward the world wide web. The same amount of information is available but the size of the newsletter has reduced drastically.

In this newsletter the EADGENE days are summarized.

Further, an explanation of the technology transfer from scientists toward the industry within EADGENE is put to the spotlight

Ton van Erp

European animal disease genomics scientists meet

May 2005, over a hundred scientists involved in the EADGENE project met in Brussels, Belgium, to inform each other about their research – results and plans – and to discuss the aim of their work. Animal disease genomics brings together the knowledge on the animal genes (the 'host'), on the virulence genes causing the disease (the 'pathogen'), and on the interaction between them which are poorly understood.. This knowledge is scattered over Europe, and it is the aim of EADGENE to build common structures and improve cooperation between these groups, so that the combined knowledge of the complicated mechanisms that cause diseases with certain animals will lead to useful applications.

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  18 and 19 may the annual EADGENE days where held in Brussels, Belgium.

EADGENE invests in cooperation and in the future

A Network of Excellence is combining the excellence present with the research partners. A Network of Excellence should do this in such a way, that the Network continues when the EU-project ends. Animal disease genomics is yet in a pre-application phase. EADGENE therefore aims to use the 5 years of existence as an EU-project to bring together research and possible applicants, and to finetune the needs of the latter with the possibilities of the first. This autumn, EADGENE organizes Industry-Academia days, together with the UK technology transfer and animal genomics and genetics organization 'Genesis Faraday', and the European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB), the joint structure of farm animal breeding and reproduction organizations.

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"GENO-cartoon"

In the picture

Anne-Marie Neeteson

Anne-Marie Neeteson-van Nieuwenhoven is the general manager of the European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB, www.effab.info), forum of farm animal reproduction and selection organizations in farmed fish, ruminants, pigs and poultry. Throughout the years, she was involved in European activities covering the EU patent directive on biotechnological inventions, partnering events, dialogue between breeding and society, the development of a Code of Good Practice and recently a Technology Platform on Animal Breeding. She is married to Jacques, and a proud mother of two sons of 18 and 21. Her hobbies are in language and writing, gymnastics, and enjoying music and friends.

Technology Transfer

Technology transfer is: getting research results applied, either in the industry, in cooperatives, or in society. Therefore, one can describe technology transfer as the process of converting scientific findings from research laboratories into useful products by commercial companies. The EADGENE field of operation is one of applied research, not basic research. And, although maybe not in the top priority list of all scientists, at the end of the process, the findings of the scientist should get applied otherwise future funding will be lacking.

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