



Pig Genome Update

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CSREES needs to detail our accomplishments. CSREES is in the process of editing and reformatting their web pages and need your help for updating the community's Animal Breeding, Genetics and Genomics page. Look at the current (older version) web contents, especially the "in focus" and "results and impact" sections. The pages can be found following this link <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/animalbreedinggeneticsgenomics.cfm>. Please consider providing a write up using this existing format. Feel free to provide additional information under other sections as well. Consider this as an opportunity to showcase your group's achievements. For more details contact Dr. Muquarrab A. Qureshi at MQureshi@CSREES.USDA.GOV.

We are nearly finished with the first draft of the pig genome sequence. Join the Swine Genome Sequencing Consortium (SGSC) and Pig Genome III meeting to celebrate the completion of the pig genome sequence in Hinxton, UK November 2-4. In anticipation of the completion of the pig genome sequencing project, this workshop will be "**SGSC - the genome assembly and annotation Pig Genome III? Exploiting the sequence**". Registration for the meeting will open September 1, 2009 and the deadline for submission of abstracts for posters is October 1, 2009. Please see <http://www.pignet.eu/conferences/pig-genome-iii/> or contact either Larry Schook (schook@illinois.edu), or Martien Groenen (Martien.Groenen@wur.nl).

Report provided on line for our project NC1037 entitled "Genetic and Functional Genomic Approaches to Improve Production and Quality of Pork". You can find a copy of the report at : http://www.lgu.umd.edu/lgu_v2/pages/reportAction/reportInfo.cfm?rID=15841

Dreaming of San Diego and PAG? Time is coming up to submit the abstracts and plan for next year. See <http://www.intl-pag.org/> for more information. Planning is well underway for next year and your involvement is encouraged. Cathy Ernst (ernstc@msu.edu) is organizing the Swine workshop for January 9.

Summer is coming to a close but there is plenty of time to barbecue and help our pork producers. Low pork prices and high inputs have made for a very bad year for many pork producers. This was further fueled by the so called outbreak of "swine" flu. You can help!! Light up the grill and buy lots of chops, ribs and brats and enjoy the summer.

Pig genome Update Newsletters are distributed electronically through Angenmap, the Animal Genome Discussion Group (<http://www.animalgenome.org/community/discuss.html>). Previous newsletters are archived as .pdf files at <http://www.animalgenome.org/pigs/newsletter/index.html>. Coordinator updates can also be found <http://www.animalgenome.org/pigs/community/NRSP8/>.

Upcoming meetings (see: <http://www.animalgenome.org/pigs/community/meetings.html>)

Next generation sequencing: challenges and opportunities. October 1-3, 2009, Casa Convalescencia, Barcelona, Spain <http://ngs2009.uab.es>

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Plant & Animal Genome Conference, PAG XVIII, Jan. 9-13, 2010, Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, CA. Information available at <http://www.intl-pag.org/>.

Items for *Pig Genome Update 99* can be sent to me by no later than October 15 please.

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