

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 4th

- 10:00 Welcoming and registration of the participants to the conference
- 12:00 Lunch at « la Grande Halle d'Auvergne »
- 14:00 Opening of the european conference

I – WHY BROWN SWISS ENTERS HOLSTEINS HERDS

- 14:15 Presentation film of the Brown Swiss in France
- 14:25 First results from a crossbreeding experiment Brown Swiss x Holstein in a high yielding herd
Prof. Dr. Hermann Swalve – Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg
- 14:45 Brown Swiss enters new herds : field survey on the reasons and motivations of these new breeders choosing the Brown Swiss breed.
Karine Braissant – Nutrition Ingineer Advisor - Broc Aliments

Coffee break

- 15:20 Economic and technical data of Brown Swiss herds on Optilait area, in comparaisn with other dairy breeds
Pierre d'Argaignon – Gers Milk Control Director
- 15:45 Synthetic report of the numerous phenomenon of development of the breed in the world
Olivier Bulot – BGS Director

II – GENETIC SELECTION, RELIABILITY OF DATA, GENOME RESEARCH

- 16:05 French breeding values (BV) system : protocols of samplings, BV calculation methods
Institut de l'Elevage
- 16:25 BGS Creation, the french genetic program : description of its organisation”

Breeding Values of sires with french second crop daughters
Olivier Bulot – BGS Director

Coffee break

- 17:00 Traits influencing longevity in the Brown Swiss breed
Urs Schnyder – Switzerland Brow Swiss Association (SBZV)
- 17:20 Comparison of linear scoring for type traits in third vs. first lactation
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- 17:40 Fertility : direct and un-direct criterias of selection
Italian Brown Swiss Association (ANARB)
- 18:00 End of the 1st session

Thursday, October 5th

II – GENETIC SELECTION, RELIABILITY OF DATA, GENOME RESEARCH

- 9:00 Kappa-Casein B content – results of bulk milk analysis
Italian Brown Swiss Association (ANARB)
- 9:20 Heritability of suckling ability of Brown Swiss calves
Italian Brown Swiss Association (ANARB)
- 9:40 Marker Assisted Selection (MAS) : overview of the research done with Brown Swiss
Prof. Johann Sölkner - University of Vienna
- 10:00 Marker Assisted Selection (MAS) : overview of the research done with Brown Swiss
Dr. Susanne Roosen – Förderverein Biotechnologieforschung (FBF)

Coffee break

III – DAIRY MANAGEMENT, EARLY MATURITY, AND HEIFER RAISING

- 10:35 Ketosis detection by milk analysis
Juerg Moll – Switzerland Brown Swiss Association (SBZV)
- 10:50 Study of optimum age at 1st calving in consideration of the farm conditions
Côte d'Or Milk Control organisation
- 11:15 Breeder's point of view on 1st calving age in a mountain based farm
Austrian Brown Swiss Association (ARGE)
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German Brown Swiss Association (ARGE)
- 11:50 End of the 2nd session – Conference conclusion

12:15 Lunch at Studio Café

15:00 Meeting with the milk processors

Brown Swiss milk : an added value for cheese production
Dr Zicarelli - University of Naples– Italy

Tasting of farm-made cheeses with Brown Swiss milk.