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27th Ethiopian Society of Animal Production Annual Conference Held in Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, Addis Ababa,



The 27th Ethiopian Society of Animal Production (ESAP) Annual Conference was held on August 29-31st 2019 at Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, Addis Ababa.



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under the theme “Livestock science in development” high government officials, international organization representatives, diverse actors from research, academia, development, and private sector as well as civil society was attended the conference. Dr. Getachew Gebru, President, ESAP made a welcoming speech, and The official opening was made by H.E. Dr Gebreegziabher Gebreyohanes, State Minister, livestock and fisheries resources development, Ministry of Agriculture.

Following the opening of the conference ESAP presents certificate of appreciation to the institutions and individual members in recognition of the valuable contribution as partner and sponsor to the success of 27th ESAP Annual Conference. Among the institutes the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR), African Chicken Genetic Gain (ACGG - ILRI), Land O' Lakes International, and Africa Rising (ILRI) have been awarded. From the individual members, ESAP had provided the 2019 ESAP Fellow award to Dr Azage Tegegn in recognition to his career services , to Dr Tafesse Mesfin to his work on ethno-veterinary practices, to Dr Tadelles Dessie to his outstanding contribution to the success of the ESAP, to Mr. Tezerra Getahun to his long term advocacy work on pastoral development and policy.



In the plenary session, which was held in the first day of the conference, a total of 16 papers by invited speakers and ESAP members related to the theme, “livestock science and development” were presented. On the second day of the conference another 16 technical papers were presented.

On the third day of the conference the new executive committee members election took place. After 8 years the former ESAP Executive committees were handed over their responsibility to newly elected members. All ESAP members were actively participated in executive committee members election. Members suggest to maintain two former executive committee (EC)members, Dr Daniel Temesgen and Dr. Sisay Tilahun in the newly elected EC. .



Lastly in the closing of the conference Dr Mandefro Nigusse, Director General, EIAR made the closing remarks.



NEW ESAP EC MEMBERS

The elected new ESAP EC members undertook their first EC meeting on 17th of September, 2019, for the purpose of assigning the new Elected EC members for EC positions. The discussion has been made for assigning individuals on the EC positions. Based on the discussions; Drs Daniel Temesgen, Abule Ebro, and Lemma Fita were assigned as President, vice President and Secretary of the society respectively. And the remaining EC members : Dr Getinet Assefa; Melkamu Bezabih ; Helen Nigusse; Dr Sisay Tilahun ; Mr Kidus Nigusse ; Dr Wondimeneh Esatu and Dr Samuel Tuffa were assigned in the other Executive Committee positions.

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ETHIOPIAN BIODIVERSITY INSTITUTE HELD A DISCUSSION ON THE NATIONAL ADVISORY STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF

FARM ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES

ON DEC 27, 2019.



The national advisory steering committee on conservation and sustainable use of Farm Animal Genetic Resources discussed the activities and achievements registered so far. The committee also discussed and ratified the committee's constitution or By law. Dr. Melese Mario, General director of the Ethiopian biodiversity institute opened the meeting, in his opening speech, he Addressed that coordinating conservation and sustainable use of Farm Animal Genetic Resources at national level in collaboration with stakeholders in an effective way is crucial for the sectors development. Many stakeholders are undertaking various research, conservation and sustainable use activities in the country; however, the efforts of stakeholders have been unsuccessful and the result has not reached the level expected. To this end, a 10 years strategy and plan of action for research, conservation and sustainable use of Farm Animal Genetic Resources has been implemented for the past three years. The establishment of a national advisory committee was therefore, to coordinate the efforts of stakeholders that has been participating in the implementation process. The advisory committee is composed of the relevant ministries, regional offices, universities, research centers and professional associations. The third regular meeting, which was held on

December 17, 2012, has discussed and ratified its constitution, what to do in the future regarding characterization, conservation and sustainable use of farm animal genetic resources. The national advisory committee also agreed on the need to create a better communication system to strengthen its roles. Finally, the committee has completed its deliberation with an agreement to meet next June to evaluate its achievements further.

Reported by Meron Teshale, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, Addis Ababa.

Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) signed MoU **on 15th of January 2020.**

This MoU is to create the framework for support; eventually, cooperation that will enable each Party to benefit from the common activities in their respective strategies. Both Parties will seek to shape such cooperation as efficient and effective as possible. The support framework formalizes a closer working relationship between EIAR and ESAP with the aim of achieving the outcomes of both parties through appropriate financial, technical, and logistical support. The MoU is also a high-level, overarching commitment between the Parties.

The [MoU](#) includes a statement of agreed principles and priority areas of cooperation between the Parties as partners in decision-making for planning cooperative arrangements, funding, and provision of the ESAP's expertise and services as required by the EIAR.