

# Call for Nominations for ISAG Secretary and Executive Committee Member

The position of ISAG Executive Secretary and one position as committee member to serve on the ISAG Executive Committee open at the 2025 ISAG Conference. To fill these roles, the society is calling for nominations in preparation for a vote of the full membership in the period leading up to the 2025 event.

Our constitution specifies that current society members are eligible to re-nominate and to contest a vote to serve a second term. Current society members may not re-nominate for a third term. The status of each current member of the committee is given below:

## Executive Secretary to Be Replaced

*Sofia Mikko*; second term ends 2025

## Member to Be Replaced

*Tosso Leeb*; second term ends 2025

## Executive Committee Member Standing for Re-Election

*Klaus Wimmers*, Treasurer; first term ends 2025

## Current Continuing Members of the Executive Committee

*Sabine Hammer*, member; second term ends 2027

*Christopher Tuggle*, President; second term ends 2027

*Leslie Lyons*, member; first term ends 2027

*Richard Crooijmans*, member; first term ends 2027

*Josué Chinchilla-Vargas*, Early Career Scientist Representative; first term ends 2027

## Responsibilities of the ISAG Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the governing body of ISAG. The committee meets at least once per year to consider ISAG business and corresponds regularly by email on issues arising during the interim. The committee considers issues relating to (1) the society journal, *Animal Genetics*; (2) the operation of the comparison tests; (3) the finances and organization of our biannual conference; (4) bidding processes for future conferences; and (5) other issues as they arise. The election is for a term of four years (i.e., two ISAG conferences).

## Tasks of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary's tasks are varied and include

- coordinating and supervising the ISAG comparison testing activities;
- liaising with the ISAG Standing Committees;
- preparing the agenda for, participating in, and writing minutes for ISAG board meetings;

- preparing the agenda for, participating in, and writing minutes for Executive Committee meetings;
- liaising with the publisher and editor-in-chief of our journal, *Animal Genetics*;
- liaising with the ISAG Executive Assistant at FASS;
- coordinating with the Executive Committee and Local Organizing Committee for the preparation and planning of ISAG conferences;
- preparing appointment letters and reports for the Executive Committee and the membership on activities of the board; and
- answering general questions from the membership of the society.

### Nomination Process

To appear on the ballot, individuals must be nominated by two current individual members of the society (this can include yourself if self-nominating). ***The nominee needs to confirm in writing their willingness to stand and to which open position as well as provide a short curriculum vitae.***

Nominations need to be made by [email](#) on or before **June 15, 2025, 11:59 PM CT**. An email including your name and the individual you are nominating is all that is needed.

I encourage members with a desire to serve to consider making a self-nomination. In addition, if you would like to nominate a member you think is well placed to contribute, please do so. Replacing the membership of our committee assists in keeping our society vibrant and maintains its relevance to the international community of animal scientists.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2025 ISAG Conference and hope this will be a memorable and enjoyable meeting for all of us.

Best wishes,

Sofia Mikko

ISAG Executive Secretary