
Programme

Friday 16th September 2011

- 18.00 Registration commences at Wills Hall, University of Bristol UK
20.00 Conference dinner
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Saturday 17th September 2011

- 08.45 Registration opens
09.30 **Welcome and Introduction to the Conference**
- 09.40 **James Lind Alliance Lyme Disease Priority Setting Partnership**
Lester Firkins, JLA: recording from clinician awareness day
Stella Huyshe-Shires, LDA: partnership details and survey so far
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Immune Responses: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly**
Lindsay Nicholson, University of Bristol
- 12.00 **Priority Workshops**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.10 **Managing Tick-borne Disease through Habitat and Host Control**
Roy Brown, University of Lincoln
- 15.10 **Identifying Disease in Ticks**
Faith Smith, University of Bristol
- 16.10 Tea break
- 16.40 **Workshop Summaries and Discussion**
- 17.20 **Closing comments**
17.30 Conference closes

Speakers

Roy Brown FIBiol, PhD

Managing Tick-borne Disease through Habitat and Host Control

Roy is a visiting professor in animal health and epidemiology at the University of Lincoln. He has specialised in upland management and the management of ticks and tick-borne diseases since 1983. Roy is particularly focused on improving diagnostic techniques, understanding risk factors and managing and reducing the incidence tick populations.

Having recently completed some major projects, Roy will be able to provide an update on the incidence of tick borne disease in local tick populations and the effects of host management.

Lindsay Nicholson FRCP PhD

Immune responses: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Lindsay is a Reader in Research in the School of Clinical Sciences at the University of Bristol and developed an interest in immunology early in his career. This took him to London where he worked on thyroid autoimmune disease, or Grave's disease. During his time as a PhD student he developed a longstanding interest in the mechanisms of T cell recognition and activation and he spent some years in Boston working on autoimmune disease.

Moving to Bristol in 2003, Lindsay continued his long term interest in how autoimmune inflammation is initiated and regulated. Over the years his lab has moved to trying to examine the whole response, but the main goal remains unchanged: to control autoimmune inflammation safely and specifically and to treat the chronic debilitating conditions it causes.

Faith Smith BSc

Identifying Disease in Ticks

Faith is a postgraduate researcher in veterinary parasitology and ecology at the University of Bristol. Her recent publication hit the headlines when it was published early this year as it showed that ticks were much more common on dogs than had been previously thought.

Faith has always had an interest in insects and parasitology and gained her first degree in Zoology at the University of Bristol.