

## ILRI 2013 Annual Programme Meeting

### Call for two scientific keynote presentations and scientific posters

You have all been invited by Peter Thorne (emails dated 18 and 21 March) to participate in the ILRI 2013 Annual Programme Meeting (APM), to be held from 15 to 17 May 2013 in Addis Ababa.

This year's APM theme is:

*Unlocking livestock development potential through science, influence and capacity development*

The first day of the APM will consist of a reflective review of our current status. This will entail a celebration of our work, a series of presentations on ILRI's strategy, and a review of important global developments on the first morning. The afternoon will consist of a share-fair-style presentation of each department of ILRI.

For the share fair event, each ILRI department and research programme will have a stand to present their work. We encourage you to use a poster format because there will not be enough projectors available for all to beam presentations on your fair stand. Scientific posters highlighting some of your research activities are thus welcome.

For the first morning plenary there is an opportunity for two keynote research presentations to illustrate how ILRI has already been unlocking livestock development potential through science, influence and capacity development. These 20-minute presentations will present the method and results of high-level scientific research activities already undertaken by ILRI; one-third of the time and slides will demonstrate how this research has addressed a real-life livestock development problem and how the results of the research have led to clearly identified development outcomes (changes in the behaviour or practices of development stakeholders, or measurable achievement of overall development objectives defined by policy makers or development stakeholders).

A scientific committee chaired by one ILRI regional representative and composed of two researchers from Integrated Sciences and two researchers from Biosciences will be selecting the two keynote research presentations for the first plenary session. Two selection criteria: 1) is the research presented of highest academic standard? 2) has it led to identifiable development outcomes? The committee will also consider contributions that present a clear protocol that is being implemented in order to achieve development outcomes out of research outputs, in case this achievement cannot yet be demonstrated.

If you would like to have a chance to present your work at this APM plenary, receive feedback from your colleagues and a panel of development practitioners selected according to your presentation topic, and have your research highlighted by ILRI's corporate communications team to our major development partners and donors, please submit an extended abstract (1000 words) for review by the scientific committee **before Friday 12 April**. One-third of the abstract should describe the development outcomes achieved through the research.

For more information on the keynote research presentations at the APM and to submit your abstracts, please contact [Jo Cadilhon](#).