

One world, one health, one airspace

Iceland's recent volcanic eruption gives the international agricultural research community a welcome pause

Seldom has the world experienced a more dramatic demonstration of the interconnectedness of the modern world. Like the volcanic dust that since 14 April has spewed and spread from southern Iceland south and east over the upper airspace of northern Europe, air flights, and more than one million travelers and their planned activities, were suspended.

Three men who have likely not had three consecutive unplanned days for more than three decades were trapped by these unprecedented events for three glorious sunny days in Ethiopia's highland capital of Addis Ababa. The three, all with veterinary backgrounds, are members of the board of trustees of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), which had just completed its 33rd meeting on ILRI's large leafy campus in Addis. They had just signed an agreement for ILRI to join a new Consortium of International Agricultural Research Centres, signaling a new phase in the nearly four decades of operations of ILRI and its two predecessors, the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases and the International Livestock Centre for Africa. [More on the ILRI news blog.](#)

Watch these ILRI films screened or filmed at APM if you missed them!



1. Livestock Goods and Bads: A Summary of the ILRI Annual Planning Meeting 2010

If you want to review what happened and what was said at this year's APM, check out this funny and memorable film. 10 minutes

2. ILRI at Work: Volume 3
An overview of work done by

ILRI in 2009, particularly regarding links between small-scale livestock production in developing countries and climate change. 16 minutes

3. David Spielman of IFPRI on livestock research priorities
Watch this eminent researcher wave a puppet bird as a prop to represent poultry production; Spielman argues that poultry are so important to the poor that ILRI should change its name (and mandate) to the International Livestock and Poultry Research Institute (ILPRI). 2 minutes

To see all ILRIFILMS, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ilriblip>

A woman in science: Jean Hanson



Jean Hanson leads the Forage Diversity team at the Ethiopia campus of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). Having worked in the fields of genebank management and conservation of forage genetic diversity for over 35 years, later this year she will 'go on to the second phase' of her career, as she puts it, when she retires from ILRI. 'I

want to concentrate on sharing the knowledge I gained throughout my career,' she says. 'I plan to work on building capacity and training students in my fields and working and learning from them, too.'

Early on, Hanson knew she was not going to follow the traditional path of women of her day. She did not feel like becoming a teacher or a nurse. 'I was brought up in an age where women were not scientists. But raised on a farm, I was always interested in science,' she says. 'When I was 16, I thought women should have the same right to choose their career as men did, and I knew I was interested in science, so I went to university and first studied agriculture.' [More on the ILRI news blog.](#)

APM Poster winners

During the 2010 APM, we asked board members Jim Dargie, Lindiwe Sibanda and Emmy Simmons to form a poster-judging committee. They assessed each of 43 posters submitted for the APM according to the clarity of the message presented, how innovative the approach used, and how closely the poster messages related to livestock goods and bads.

The following 4 posters were ranked highest by the committee:

Poster 7: Three ways to improve livestock water productivity in Ethiopia.

Poster 11: Payments for biodiversity conservation in the Masai Mara: What impacts on pastoral livelihoods?

Poster 15: Finding good and bad genes in Boran and N'Dama genome sequences: What makes Boran more susceptible to trypanosomiasis than N'Dama?

Poster 25: East Africa Dairy Development Project: Some lessons learned.

Congratulations to the teams that made these winning posters!

All the APM posters can be seen online at www.slideshare.net/ilri

Feedback from ILRI projects on their use of film products

Over the 3 days of the ILRI APM 2010, there was lots of feedback from project leaders who have already used film. Here are a few of their comments.

Steve Staal

The goods: Quality film is a powerful communications tool for a science project. It gives you access to the world media. We made 2 films about northeast India pig and dairy marketing.

Films are also a means of bringing the voice of the poor into a conference where poor people would otherwise be intimidated and silenced by important delegates. Participants in meetings in fancy venues are then reminded of the pro-poor agenda. [Read more on APM home page](#)



Spot the different



The Birthdays and an anniversary



Next wear others National dress and you will win



What did I tell you?



Ow my eyes! Vish's shiny shoe



Please don't throw the prize at me



And the dancing started



People were dancing too fast couldn't get still images



They drink all that?



GO P&C!



The good



The bad



You think my dress is funny?



Now, that's what we call love



The InfoCenter library?



And after all that hospitality they tried to steal the only cow in Addis campus!?