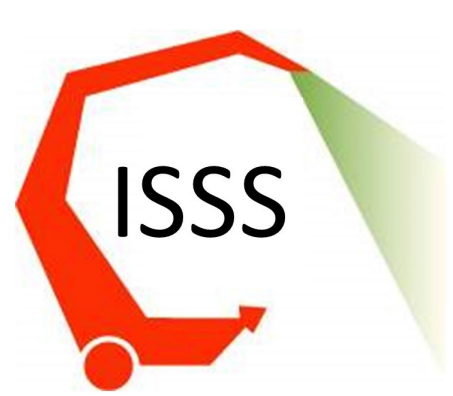




International Silage Science Society

XX International Silage Conference in
Gainesville, Florida, USA



The series of International Silage Conferences

20	XX	2025	Gainesville, Florida, USA
19	XIX	2023	Beijing, China
18	XVIII	2018	Bonn, Germany
17	XVII	2015	Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil
16	XVI	2012	Hämeenlinna, Finland
15	XV	2009	Madison, Wisconsin, USA
14	XIV	2005	Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK
13	XIII	2002	Auchincruive, Scotland, UK
12	XII	1999	Uppsala, Sweden
11	XI	1996	Aberystwyth, Wales, UK
10	X	1993	Dublin, Ireland
9	IX	1990	Newcastle, England, UK
8	VIII	1987	Hurley, England, UK
7	VII	1984	Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK
6	VI	1981	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
5	V	1978	Ayr, Scotland, UK
4	IV	1976	Hurley, England, UK
3	III	1974	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
2	II	1872	Hurley, England, UK
1	I	1970	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK



It is time to officially found the International Silage Science Society (ISSS)

- ▶ At XIX International Silage Conference in Beijing, China in August 2023:
 - ▶ The need for an International Silage Science Society was acknowledged
 - ▶ The ethos and aims of ISSS were discussed
 - ▶ A positive feedback from the Conference attendees was received
- ▶ The founding meeting of ISSS will be held as part of the XX ISC during the Group lunch on Wednesday July 23 at 12.30 - 2:00 pm



Practicalities related to the founding of the Society

- ▶ The Society will be officially registered in Finland
- ▶ In this meeting, we fill in the legal requirements
 - ▶ The purpose of the Society is declared
 - ▶ The Constitution is defined
 - ▶ The Executive Board is nominated
 - ▶ Signatures of the founding members are collected



Mission, Ethos and Impact of ISSS

► Mission:

- To promote and advance silage science and technology through research, education and industry for enhanced fermented feeds for animal production and for efficient biomass preservation for bioenergy, biorefineries, and environmentally-friendly recycling of agricultural and food industry by-products.

► Ethos:

- Non-profit international organization voluntarily organized by the scientists and industrial society related to silage science and technology
- Aims to establish an international platform and network to prompt worldwide exchanges and communications on silage research, extension and education.

► Impact

- Improve the impact of silage research and technology worldwide
- Extend silage science and technology to regions of the world where it is undeveloped



Constitution of the Society - Annual meeting

- ▶ The Society arranges an annual meeting once a year at latest by 31 May
- ▶ Invitation is sent to members by e-mail at least 14 days before the meeting
- ▶ The meeting can be held on-line
- ▶ The topics on the agenda include
 - ▶ Report of the previous year activities + finances
 - ▶ A plan for coming year activities + budget
 - ▶ Nomination of Executive board members
- ▶ In addition, an update of the Society activities is included in the agenda of the future International Silage Conferences



Memberships

- ▶ All individuals committed to the Society targets can join the Society as members
 - ▶ Academics, students, industry representatives etc.
 - ▶ Also companies / organizations can join as members
- ▶ Membership fee
 - ▶ will be defined later and communicated to founding members, to potentially become permanent members
- ▶ If you wish to become a founding member of ISSS, please sign the lists circulating in the ball room or in the lists at the registration desk during today



Funding of ISSS

- ▶ Membership fees
- ▶ Potential fee as part of registration fees of future International Silage Conferences
- ▶ Sponsorships, donations
- ▶ Other?



Executive Board of ISSS

- ▶ The Executive Board consists of chairpersons of the previous Conferences, and the one coming up. The terms are not restricted in length to ensure continuation.
 - ▶ Richard Muck (USA 2009)
 - ▶ Marketta Rinne (Finland 2012)
 - ▶ Luiz Gustavo Nussio (Brazil 2015)
 - ▶ Karl-Heinz Südekum (Germany 2018)
 - ▶ Fuyu Yang & Xusheng Guo (China 2023)
 - ▶ Gbola Adesogan (USA 2025)
 - ▶ Next ??? 2028
- ▶ In addition, regional members are chosen to cover the time span of two consecutive Conferences (in general 6 years)
 - ▶ Europe:
 - ▶ Asia-Australasia:
 - ▶ Africa:
 - ▶ North America:
 - ▶ South America:

Suggestions of members can be shared to the Executive Board, who will invite regional members at a later stage

Roger Wilkins requested to step down from the ISC Continuation group during spring 2025

- ▶ Roger wishes to send his best greetings to all friends of silage
- ▶ He is willing to support us in e.g., highlighting the history of International Silage Conferences





Roles in the Steering Committee

- ▶ The Chairperson needs to be nominated to file in the legal registration
 - ▶ Suggestion for the chairman: Professor Marketta Rinne
- ▶ In the first meeting of the Executive Board, the following roles are defined:
 - ▶ Vice Chairman
 - ▶ Secretary
 - ▶ Financial secretary
- ▶ The chairman, vice chairman, secretary and financial secretary are the legal signatories of the society



Ending the Society

- ▶ In case the Society will cease, it's funds will be used to support the goals of the Society



Next steps of ISSS

- ▶ Establish the regular meetings of the Executive Board, file in the registration of the Society, open bank account, invoice membership fees
- ▶ Facilitate the organization and continuation of the International Silage Conferences, and support the next host in organizing the XXI International Silage Conference
- ▶ Establish a permanent website with e.g. access to previously published Proceedings of the Conferences
- ▶ Evaluate the possibilities to publish a scientific journal concentrating on silage research



Questions and
comments are
welcome!