

**INTERNATIONAL DOHNE MERINO CONFERENCE
16 TO 20TH APRIL, 2018 – URUGUAY**

PROGRAM – Updated March 19th, 2018

SUNDAY, APRIL 15th - MONTEVIDEO

SHERATON HOTEL

Address: Víctor Soliño 349 - Montevideo

MONDAY, APRIL 16th – LAVALLEJA AND FLORIDA

07:30	Delegation bus departs from Sheraton Hotel Montevideo to “Nambi Guasu” Stud in Lavalleja Department.
10:30	Visit “Nambi Guasu” Stud, owned by Carolina Viñoles, Roberto Quadrelli and Pablo Costabel. Distance 155km. Estimated journey: 3hrs.
12:00	Lunch at “Nambi Guasu”.
13:30	Depart to ENGRAW EXPORT IMPORT, in Fray Marcos, Florida Department. Distance 80km. Estimated journey: 2hrs.
15:30	Visit to ENGRAW, producer and exporter of 19.0 to 34.0 micron range wooltops and only supplier of superwash treated wooltops in the country.
17:00	Depart to San Pedro de Timote, Cerro Colorado, Florida Department. Distance 62km. Estimated journey: 1h15
18:15	Accommodation and dinner at San Pedro de Timote.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17th - FLORIDA

08:00	Depart to CIEDAG, Uruguayan Wool Secretariat’s Research & Development Station, in Cerro Colorado, Florida Department. Distance 18km. Estimated journey: 30min.
09:00	Presentations on Uruguay’s agricultural production and CIEDAG’s sheep research lines.
12:30	Lunch in CIEDAG
14:00	Observe CIEDAG’s Merino Dohne flock in the pen. Breeding ewes and lambs. Research on Merino Dohne.
18:30	Accommodation and dinner at San Pedro de Timote.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th - DURAZNO

07:30	Depart to visit “La Pastoral” Stud, owned by Gabriel Capurro & family. Located in Durazno Department. Distance 141km. Estimated journey: 2hr45.
12:00	Lunch in “La Pastoral”
13:30	Depart to visit “La Empastada” Stud, owned by Javier Fillat & family. Located in Durazno Department. Distance 66km. Estimated journey: 1hr40.
18:15	Accommodation and dinner at Santa Cristina Hotel in Durazno.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19th - DURAZNO

07:30	Depart to Durazno's Rural Society
	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
08:00	Registration
	Current situation of the breed, recent developments and perspectives in countries participating in the Conference.
08:30	Argentina <i>Emilio H. Rivera (Rio Gallegos Rural Extension Agency, INTA)</i>
09:00	Australia <i>John Nadin (President Australia Dohne Breeders Association)</i>
09:30	Chile – <i>to be confirmed</i>
10:00	Break
10:15	Peru – <i>to be confirmed</i>
10:30	South Africa <i>Koos Vosloo (President South African Dohne Merino Breed Society)</i>
11:00	Uruguay <i>Gabriel Capurro (President Uruguayan Dohne Merino Breeders Society)</i>
11:30	The Ethics of breeding Dohne Merino sheep. <i>Cameron McMaster (former Director South African Dohne Merino Breed Society)</i>
12:30	Lunch
	Research on Dohne Merino carried out in Uruguay by Faculty of Agriculture, INIA and SUL. Australia's technical contribution.
14:00	Research in sheep genetic resources. <i>Raúl Ponzoni et al., (Faculty of Agriculture, UDELAR, Uruguay)</i>
14:45	INIA's first 15 years with Dohne Merino. <i>Ignacio De Barbieri (National Wool & Meat Program, INIA)</i>
15:30	Break
16:00	SUL's main results from research on Dohne Merino. <i>Ignacio Abella (Research & Development Area, SUL)</i>
16:45	The Dohne's future in the Australian sheep industry. <i>Rachel Browne (Vicepresident Australia Dohne Breeders Association)</i>
17:30	Return to Hotel Santa Cristina.
20:00	Fraternization cocktail at Hotel Santa Cristina. <i>Dress code: casual</i>

FRIDAY, APRIL 20th - DURAZNO

08:00	Depart to Durazno's Rural Society.
	INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
08:30	The demand for wool and lamb meat. A look at demographic and economic determinants. <i>Alfonso Capurro (CPA Ferrere)</i>
09:30	Dohne Merino wool processing and markets. <i>Frank Raquet (Director ENGRAW Export & Import)</i>
10:30	Merino Dohne Breeders' World Federation. <i>Kobus Delpont (Manager South African Dohne Merino Breed Society)</i>
11:30	Conference closing. Acknowledgments. Certificates.
13:00	Lunch

14:00	Judgement of animals and ewes sale.
17:00	Return to Montevideo. Accommodation at Sheraton Hotel. Free night.

POST CONFERENCE TOUR ARGENTINA AND CHILE

SATURDAY APRIL 21st

14:30	Transfer from Sheraton Hotel to airport on delegation bus.
18:25	Depart from Montevideo on flight AR1397 to Buenos Aires
22:35	Depart from Buenos Aires on flight AR2882 to Río Gallegos

SUNDAY APRIL 22nd

01:50	Arrive in Río Gallegos and accommodation at Hotel Patagonia. FREE DAY OPTIONAL visit to Estancia Laguna Colorada
13:00	Depart from Hotel Patagonia.
14:15	Arrive in Estancia Laguna Colorada to observe rams and hoggets: Corriedale, Dohne, Dohne x Corriedale crossbreds and Dohne x Merino crossbreds (F1 and F2). Host: Mr. Gregory Aldrige, partner and Manager.
17:30	Depart from estancia to Hotel Patagonia.
20:00	Welcome barbecue offered by Rio Gallegos Rural Society. Code dress: informal

MONDAY APRIL 23rd – RIO GALLEGOS (ARGENTINA)

08:00	Depart from Hotel Patagonia to Coy Aike Stud, 80km north from Río Gallegos. Visit Coy Aike Stud Lunch at Coy Aike Stud Continues visit to farm. Return to Hotel Patagonia Free night
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TUESDAY APRIL 24th – ARGENTINA

08:00	Depart from Hotel Patagonia to Las Vegas Stud Visit Las Vegas Stud Lunch on the way to Rincón de los Morros Stud Visit Rincón de los Morros Stud Depart to Puerto Natales (Chile) Accommodation at Hotel Costaustralis. Free night
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 25th - CHILE

08:00	Depart from hotel to visit Torres del Paine National Park Lunch at Hotel Las Torres Visit to The Mylodon Cave Accommodation at Hotel Costaustralis. Free night
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THURSDAY APRIL 26th - CHILE

08:00	Depart from hotel to Jerónima farm, owned by Eugenio Vilicic. Visit Jerónima farm. Transport to Josefina Stud.
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	Lunch at Josefina Stud
	Visita Josefina Stud, owned by Hugo Vera.
	Transport to Carmen Mercedes Stud
	Visit Carmen Mercedes Stud, owned by Alberto Smoljanovic.
	Transport to Punta Arenas city and accommodation at Hotel Casino Dreams del Estrecho.
	Free night

FRIDAY APRIL 27th – TIERRA DEL FUEGO (CHILE)

	Cross Magellan Strait by ferry to Tierra del Fuego (Puerto Porvenir)
	Lunch at Hotel Croata
	Visit to Park King Penguin
	Transport and visit to Fortuna Stud, owned by Rodrigo Filipic.
	Dinner at Fortuna Stud. Traditional lamb barbacue (asado) and local wine tasting.
	Accommodation at Hotel Barlovento

SATURDAY APRIL 28th - CHILE

	Depart from hotel to Los Retamos Stud, owned by Francisca and Nicolás Petrovic.
	Transport and visit to Chañarcillo Stud, owned by Ganadera Gutiérrez Varillas.
	Lunch at Chañarcillo farm
	Cross Magellan Strait by ferry to Punta Arenas. Journey takes 2h30mins.
	For those staying in Punta Arenas: Accommodation at Hotel Casino Dreams. END OF SERVICES.
	For those continuing to Río Gallegos: Transport by bus Punta Arenas-Río Gallegos and accommodation at Hotel Patagonia.

SUNDAY APRIL 29TH

09:05	Depart from Río Gallegos to Buenos Aires on flight AR1851
12:05	Arrive in Buenos Aires local airport (Aeroparque). END OF SERVICES
	For those continuing to Montevideo:
16:50	Depart from Buenos Aires to Montevideo on flight AR1396
17:35	Arrive in Montevideo. END OF SERVICES