



Meeting: Bovine TB Stakeholder Forum SWG– Meeting 8
Date: 24 May 2022
Time: 11.00 – 13.00
Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees

Chair:

John Griffin, Chair Scientific Working Group.

Working Group Members:

Eamonn Gormley, UCD; Fraser Menzies, DAERA; Margaret Good, Simon More, CVERA; Siobhán Ring, ICBF

Chairman TB Forum

Michael Cronin;

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

Jimmy Wiseman, DAFM Laboratory Service; Philip Breslin, Ruminant Animal Health Division

Apologies:

Stephen Gordon, UCD

Please note that all non-DAFM attendees are members of the working group as private individuals and do not represent their associated organisations.

Minutes

Item	
Introduction by Chairman John Griffin	The Chair introduced the meeting and the agenda items.

Item	
Research Opinion	The Chair shared the latest draft of the research opinion document. The group discussed the content. It was agreed that John Griffin and Philip Breslin would make additional changes based on the groups discussions. It was also agreed that the group would delay finalising the document until after the M Bovis Conference. This was to avail of the opportunity to hear the latest research reports from around the world.

Item	
Whole Genome Sequencing Opinion	The chair shared the latest draft of the whole genome sequencing opinion. He thanked members for contributing. The members discussed which areas in the document needed to be further developed. It was agreed that CVRL would give further feedback.

Item	
AOB	Simon More requested that the group would avail of the opportunity of the M Bovis conference to meet with experienced international experts in TB control. This was agreed.

Item	
Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting will take place on the 28 th of June at 11.00 am

Action Points

1	J Griffin and P Breslin to advance both documents
2	Simon More to liaise with SWG on meeting with international experts
3	All members to reconsider both documents after the M Bovis conference
4	J Griffin to circulate new drafts of both documents subsequent to conference feedback
5	J. Wiseman to provide information on <i>M. bovis</i> isolate availability
6	J Wiseman to provide case examples
7	J Wiseman to provide feedback on the CVRL opinion on building background information
6	DAFM to set up next meeting link