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| Friday 15th Nov  | A logo with text on it  Description automatically generatedBreeding for the environment | Session 1 |
| 14.00-14.15 | Chairman opens conference | Charles Sercombe |
| 14.15-14.20 | Introduction | Chair – Kim Matthews, AHDB |
| 14.20-14.45 | Environmental breeding goals for maternal and terminal sheep – an international overview and do we have what we need in the UK | Dr Tim Byrne / Dr Caeli Richardson, AbacusBio |
| 14.45-15.10 | Big or small rumens? Observations from research projects aimed at breeding for low methane emissions | Dr Nicola Lambe, SRUC |
| 15.10-15.35 | Environmental goals for the Irish sheep industry | Dr Noirin McHugh, Teagasc & Jaynell Anderson, Sheep Ireland |
| 15.35-16.00 | Q&A |  |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | Refreshment break |  |

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| Friday 15th Nov | Breeding sheep in a sheep producing country | Session 2 |
| 16.30 – 16.35 | Introduction | Chair Farming Connect  |
| 16.35 – 17.00 | Genomic and phenotypic advances in hill and maternal breeding programmes | Janet Roden, Innovis |
| 17.00 – 17.20 | The changing face of genetic improvement in the Welsh hill sheep sector | Tim Tyne, ProHill group founder member |
| 17.20 – 17.40 | Observations from the Falkland Islands – breeding and genetics | Josh Brock, ADAS |
| 17.40 – 17.55 | Farming Connect: Welsh Anthelmintic Resistance Status project - The findings | Menna Williams, Farming Connect |
| 17.55 – 18.15 | Q&A |  |
| 19.00 - late | Drinks reception supported by SRUC followed by conference dinner |

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| Saturday 16th Nov | Pasture to Plate – delivering sustainable, high-quality lamb to our customers  | Session 3 |
| 9.00 – 9.05 | Introduction | Tom Dracup, AHDB |
| 9.05 – 9.20 | Delivering for our customers – Export and Halal Focus | Rizvan Khalid, Euro Quality Lamb Ltd |
| 9.20 – 9.35 | The retail landscape and how breeding can help deliver for consumers | Emma Nelson/Amanda Watson, Morrisons |
| 9.35 – 9.55 | Taking leadership in sustainability: Gamechanger integrated beef and PRISM | Katie Thorley, ABP |
| 9.55 – 10.10 | Understanding the value of livestock data | Ian Hewett, Livestock Information Ltd & Harriet Bunning, AHDB |
| 10.10 – 10.30 | Q&A |  |
| 10.30 – 11.00  | Refreshment break |  |

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| Saturday 16th Nov | Breeding with a vision | Session 4 |
| 11.00 – 11.05 | Introduction  | John Richards, HCC |
| 11.05 – 11.50 | Don’t forget about Meat Quality- Breeding to improve the consumer eating experience | Peta Bradley & Daniel Brown, Lambplan, Australia |
| 11.50 – 12.15 | Fabulous fibre: how to make wool profitable from white woolled sheep | Frank & Edward Langrish, Langrish Farmers |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Q&A |  |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | Hot / Cold buffet lunch  |  |

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| Saturday 16th Nov | Breeding drivers for the future  | Session 5 |
| 14.00 – 14.05 | Introduction  | Chris Lloyd, Independent |
| 14.05 – 15.25 | Expert panel providing insight to various topics | To include: Rizvan KhalidColin BatemanDaniel Brown (TBC)  |
| 15.25 – 15.30 | Closing comments | Panel |
| 15.30 – 16.00  | Refreshment break |  |

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| Saturday 16th Nov | Quick Fire - A genomic focus on the future for breeding with short sharp communication on headline facts | Session 6 |
| 16.00 – 16.05 | Introduction | Mike Coffey, SRUC |
| 16.05 – 16.20 | What has dairy learnt from DNA? | Victoria Ashmore, AHDB |
| 16.20 – 16.30 | A major gene influencing MV resistance | Racheal Tarlington, Nottingham University |
| 16.30 – 16.35 | Could a new genetic test help hill sheep breeders? | Heather Stevenson, SRUC |
| 16.35 – 16.50 | Adopting genomics | Ed Smith, British Texel Sheep Society |
| 16.50 – 16.55 | Genomic update from AHDB | Samuel Boon, AHDB |
| 16.55 – 17.00 | Genomic relationships between flocks: how are flocks connected? | Samir Id-Lahoucine, EGENES & Samuel Boon, AHDB |
| 17.05 – 17.10 | Transmission ratio distortion on sheep genome: finding the sheep that never existed  | Samir Id-Lahoucine, EGENES |
| 17.10 – 17.30 | Summary and Q&A | Mike Coffey, SRUC |
| 20.00 - late | Conference dinner |  |

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| Sunday 17th Nov | Advances in reproductive technology | Session 7 |
| 9.00 – 9.10 | Introduction | Phil Stocker, NSA |
| 9.10 – 9.30  | Where next for Embryo Transfer – progress, developments and consequences  | Ian McDougall, Farmgene |
| 9.30 – 9.50 | Sexed semen for sheep – a fresh approach | Ben Burton MRCVS, AB Europe |
| 9.50 – 10.10 | Using surrogate sires to disseminate high value genetics  | Emily Clark, The Roslin Institute |
| 10.10 – 10.30 | Q&A |  |
| 10.30 – 11.00  | Refreshment break |  |

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| Sunday 17th Nov | Putting the E in GxE: selecting sheep for systems | Session 8 |
| 11.00 – 11.05 | Introduction - This session will focus on increasingly common systems in the UK and how commercial farmers are selecting for resilient sheep for their systems, collaborating with similar businesses and adding value. | Liz Genever, Independent |
| 11.05 – 11.30 | Finding the right sheep for my system which just happens to be a shedder  | William Cawley |
| 11.30 – 11.50 | Performance recording sheep in a high forage system | James Drummond |
| 11.50 – 12.10 | Selecting sheep for cheese production | TBC  |
| 12.10 – 12.30 | Q&A |  |
| 12.30 – 12.40 | Closing remarks  | Charles Sercombe |
| 12.40 – 14.00 | Hot / Cold buffet lunch – departure afterwards |  |

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