

**Workshop 3:
Economics of Paratuberculosis Control**

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Out of the 60+ talks given at the 8th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis, only two have the word ‘economics’ in their title. What does this mean?

- (1) There is no great interest (by researchers, decision-makers, producers, etc.) in the economics of Paratuberculosis control, or
- (2) we already know all we want to know, or
- (3) the research is too difficult because no appropriate data and techniques are available, or
- (4) we should increase the amount of research?

Which of these are the right reason(s)? Given that from an industry perspective, the economics of Paratuberculosis control are ultimately the main decision-making criteria, and there are still many unanswered questions, the first two reasons are certainly not valid. Furthermore, while economic research on Johne’s disease control is not always straightforward and we may not always have the exact data we like to have, there are economical techniques and methods that allow us to make decisions under uncertainty. This workshop we will therefore examine the question if and how research on Paratuberculosis should more often take into account economic considerations.

The goal of this workshop will be twofold:

1. To review the current status of research related to the economics of Paratuberculosis control. The following short presentation will be given:
 - Dr. A. Braad Kudahl (Denmark):
“The economics of Johne’s Disease control from a researcher’s perspective”
 - Dr. G. Gunn (SAC, Scotland)
“The economics of Johne’s Disease control from a veterinarian’s perspective”
 - Dr. D. Kennedy (Ausvet, Australia)
“The economics of Johne’s Disease control from a decision-maker’s perspective”
2. To discuss the future direction of economic research of Johne’s Disease control:
 - What are the main decisions to be supported and questions to be answered?
 - Do we have the necessary data – what additional data would be most useful?
 - What are the most appropriate techniques to use?

Don’t miss this unique opportunity to hear three experts speak on the economics of Johne’s disease and help guide future research! A paper summarizing the workshop will be made available soon after the 8ICP.

We hope that you will attend this important workshop!