

DARWIN AND DOMESTICATION

16th October 2008

At The Linnean Society of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W1J 0BF

Of Charles Darwin's three major books, 'The Variation of Animals and Plants Under Domestication' is probably the least well known. However, the subject of the book has had a profound effect on the resources derived from the domesticated species with which mankind shares a daily existence. The presentations in this day meeting will cover many aspects of our understanding of domesticated varieties, including how breeds and varieties have been established over the centuries, their history, conservation and current strategies for their management and utilisation.

PROGRAMME



10.00 Arrival & registration

10.30 **Introduction**

Andrew Sheppy FLS, The Cobthorn Trust

10.40 **The origins of breeds: from domestication to diversity**

Prof Stephen Hall, University of Lincoln

11.20 Coffee

11.40 **Livestock and the American experience**

Prof Phillip Sponenberg, Virginia Blackwater College

12.20 **Managing the genetic variation in livestock today**

Prof Geoffrey Simm, Scottish Agricultural College

13.00 Lunch

14.00 **From Darwin to DNA: advances in the understanding of variation and domestication in crop plants**

Barbara Pickersgill

14.40 **The origins of wheat: domestication, diversity and Darwin**

Dr Mark Nesbitt, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew

15.20 **Darwin & variations: where are they now?**

Andrew Sheppy FLS, The Cobthorn Trust

16.00 Afternoon tea

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