

LactoWell workshop:

Improving small ruminant dairy: scientific and transdisciplinary

Campus Liebefeld, Schwarzenburgstrasse 153, 3003 Bern



Day 1 – 14th September - International Perspectives (Language: English)

- 8:45–9:15: Welcome reception
- 9:15–9:30: Introduction Agroscope
- 9:30–13:00: Scientific Presentations – International Experts (Coffee Break included)

Photis Papademas (Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus)

Dairy Products from sheep/goat milk: Technology and Quality Characteristics.

Davide Porcellato (Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway)

Somatic cell counts and their impact on Norwegian goat milk quality.

Giorgia Stocco (University of Parma, Italy)

From milk to cheese: a comparative study of goat breeds.

Ruggero Menci (FIBL, France)

Induction of lactation via manual udder stimulation in dairy goats: a multi-farm study.

Angeliki Katsafadou (University of Thessaly, Greece)

From Animal Health to Food Quality: The Diagnostic Value of Milk Cathelicidins.

Filippa Addis (University of Milan, Italy)

The Landscape of Caprine Udder Health: Highways, Winding Trails, and Dead Ends.

- 13:00–14:00 Lunch (Networking opportunity)

Monday and Tuesday, 14-15th September 2026

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- 14–16:45: Interactive Workshop: Global Challenges in Small Ruminant Dairy

Coffee break (15:00-15:30)

- 16:45–17:15: Wrap-up, Summary of key discussion points; Preparation for Day2.

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Day 2 – Swiss National Focus (Language: English, French, German, Italian)

- **8:45–9:15: Welcome reception**
- **9:15–10:15: Agroscope scientific contributions (Presentation in German and French)**
Presentation of LactoWell and other ongoing Agroscope projects.
- **10:15–13:00: Scientific Presentations – International Experts (Coffee Break included)**

Claudio Cipolat-Gotet (University of Parma, Italy)

Italian presentation/Slides in English:

Efficienza di caseificazione: metriche e casi applicativi dall'allevamento all'industria casearia.
(English translation: Cheesemaking efficiency: metrics and applied case studies from dairy farming to the cheese industry).

Rosalie Planteau du Maroussem (FIBL, France)

French presentation/Slides in English:

Gentle Dairy 2 : optimiser l'induction de la lactation en ferme caprine.

(English translation: Gentle Dairy 2: Optimizing Lactation Induction on Goat Farms.

Marta Vignati (University of Milan, Italy)

Italian presentation/Slides in English:

Comprendere l'epidemiologia delle infezioni intramammarie persistenti nelle capre da latte primipare: uno studio longitudinale su più allevamenti.

(English translation: Understanding the Epidemiology of Persistent Intramammary Infections in Primiparous Dairy Goats: A Multi-Herd, Longitudinal Study).

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Siv Skeie (Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway)

German presentation/Slides in English:

Der Einfluss des Weidewechsels auf die Gesamtqualität der Ziegenmilch in Schweizer und Norwegischen Ziegenherden.

(English translation: The Effect of Pasture Rotation on the Overall Quality of Goat Milk in Swiss and Norwegian Goat Herds).

- **13–14:00: Lunch (Networking opportunity)**
- **14–16:45: Interactive Workshop: Transdisciplinary Dialogue and Knowledge Exchange**
Facilitated by Network for Transdisciplinary Research (**td-net**).
Coffee break (15:00-15:30).
- **16:45–17:15 Conclusions and Next Steps**

Join us for the two-day **LactoWell Workshop**, a unique opportunity to connect with researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders working across the small ruminant dairy sector.

The workshop is designed to foster scientific exchange, spark new interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaborations, and shape future research on small ruminant's dairy systems.

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