

Celebrating Alpaca Ownership

Doubletree Hilton, Stoke-on-Trent 4th-5th October 2025

Programme

We have tried to ensure that each set of parallel sessions includes talks/workshops that cater for the different interests of the membership.

Friday 3rd	4.00-7.30pm	Check-in and registration for early arrivals
	7.30-9.00pm	Reception: Finger buffet and glass of wine for those staying
		on Friday in JW's Reception Room (first floor).
Saturday 4 th	7.30-9.00am	Registration continued
AM	9.00-9.15am	Welcome BAS Chair Sue Loach
	9.15-10-15am	Keynote Talk: Molly Gardner (AAA & AANZ Judge.
		Thistledown Alpacas)
		Changing times and the shifting of an industry from blood
		stock to fibre and the good position Britain is in to do this.
	10.15-10.45am	Coffee/Tea Break
	10.45-11.45am	Parallel Session 1.
		Format: Talk
		Dr Ami Sawran (Westpoint Farm Vets)
		'Tailoring the Camelid Calendar to your herd's needs'
	10.45-11.45	Parallel Session 2.
		Format: Workshop
		Emma Taylor (East Anglia Alpaca Mill)
		'What to do with Fibre and how to prepare your fleece'.
	10.45-11.45	Parallel Session 3.
		Format: Talk
		Mary-Jo Smith (Bozedown Alpacas and BAS Judge)
		Assessing Conformation. Why conformation is important and
		how to assess and balance and traits.
	10.45-11.45	Parallel Session 4.
		Format: Talk
		Victoria Barrett (Simply Alpaca)
		Camelidynamics- work smarter not harder
	12.00-1.00pm	Buffet Lunch
ΡΜ	1.00-2.00pm	Key Note Talk: Prof Ahmed Tibary (Washington State
		University)
		'Fundamentals of reproductive physiology for better
		management of alpaca breeding'

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	2.15-3.15	Parallel Session 1 Format: Talk
		Claire Whitehead (Camelid Veterinary Services)
		The Mite Menace: Tackling Skin Problems in Alpacas
	2.15-3.15	Parallel Session 2
	2.15-5.15	Format: Workshop
		Julia Corrigan-Stuart (CS Alpacas, BAS Judge) and Roger
		Clarke (Amberly & Ambermoon Alpacas, BAS Judge)
		Maximising Potential: Preparing Alpaca Fleece for Showing
		and Understanding the Judging Process
	2.15-3.15	Parallel Session 3
	2.15-3.15	Format: Talk
		Prof Mike Coffey (SRUC) – Genomic improvement in Alpacas
		- is it possible?
	2.15-3.15	Parallel Session 4
	2.15-5.15	Format: Talk
		Libby Henson (Co-Director of Grassroots Systems) Pedigree Matters
	245415000	Tea/Coffee
	3.45-4.15pm	
	4.15-5.15pm	Prof. Helen Cowie (University of York)
		From the Andes to the Outback: Acclimatising Alpacas in the
	7.20.000	British Empire
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Sunday 5th	9.30-10.30am	Keynote Talk:
		Molly Gardner (AAA & AANZ Judge. Thistledown Alpacas)
	10.25 11.25	'Are you getting the most out of your breeding programme?'Parallel Session 1
	10.35am-11.35	
		Neil & Michelle Payne (West Wight Alpacas and NW Suris) A Diversified Alpaca Business
	10.25 11.25	
	10.35am-11.35	Parallel Session 2
		Tim Hey (Inca Alpacas and BAS Judge)
	10.25	How to make an Alpaca Business Work
	10.35am-11.35	Parallel Session 3
		Lissie Gercke (The Livestock Clinic, Veterinary Practice)
		The Next Generation: Husbandry and Health Care
	10.25 cm 11.25	Management for the Juvenile Alpaca Parallel Session 4
	10.35am-11.35	
		Duncan Pullar (CEO BAS) and Nick Harrington-Smith (Alpaca Evolution and BAS Judge and AOA Judge)
		Estimated Breeding Values for Alpacas
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	11.50-1pm	Shirley Bettinson (Toft Alpacas, recently retired BAS
		Judge) and Panel
		The Alpaca fibre industry. Why don't we have one and where
	1.000 2.000	can we go from here? Buffet Lunch
	1pm-2pm	
	2-3pm	Prof Ahmed Tibary (Washington State University) Infertility: what can go wrong with the male and female
	3-3.15pm	Closing Comments
	3.15pm-4.30pm	Coffee – Tea
	the method	