

Animal Bioscience 2023 Best Reviewer Award

Animal Bioscience(AB) editorial team is delighted to announce the winners of **Animal Bioscience 2023 Best Reviewer Award**, which is given annually to a few reviewers of the journal in recognition of their outstanding efforts and contributions. Final winners were selected by the recommendation of editors and selection committee of the journal on the quality and quantity of their review activity during 2023. We are pleased to recognize the following five among many invaluable reviewers as Animal Bioscience Best Reviewer of the Year:

Dr. **Ogawa Shinichiro** (Kyoto University, Japan); Dr. **Kaewmanee Saroch** (Kasetsart University, Thailand); Dr. **Nguyen Linh Quang** (Hue University, Vietnam), Dr. **Heo Jung Min** (Chungnam National University, Korea) and Dr. **Park Tansol** (Chung-Ang University, Korea).



Dr. Shinichiro Ogawa is working as an assistant professor at Laboratory of Animal Breeding and Genetics, Division of Applied Biosciences, Graduate of Agriculture, Kyoto University, Japan. He received his Ph.D. degree from Kyoto University in 2017. Dr. Ogawa have been working on the areas of Wagyu (Japanese Black cattle) and pig breeding, sometimes using genomic information. Recently, he works on the development of the methodology to efficiently genetically improve traits with lower heritability (e.g., female reproductive performance) and novel traits (e.g., heat tolerance). He is also interested in considering gene-environment interactions and incorporating omics information into genomic prediction.



Dr. Saroch Kaewmanee is an assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science at Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand. His primary research areas include utilizing Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ARTs) to enhance the economic value and reproductive efficiency of beef cattle, dairy cows, swamp buffaloes, and endangered species. Additionally, Dr. Kaewmanee is pioneering a project focused on the use of various insect proteins as novel food and animal feed, as well as active ingredients to improve human and animal

health. This work is supported by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN). Dr. Kaewmanee earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) degree from Kasetsart University, Thailand. He then completed his Ph.D. at the United Graduate School of Veterinary Science (UGSVS), Gifu University, Japan, where his thesis centered on gonadal functions in elephants. Furthermore, he holds a Diploma in Veterinary Theriogenology from the Veterinary Council of Thailand. In addition to his research and academic contributions, Dr. Kaewmanee actively participates as a peer reviewer for numerous indexed journals and grant agencies.



Prof. Dr. Nguyen Quang Linh studied animal sciences and veterinary medicine and aquaculture at Wageningen University, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, and Humboldt University, Germany, and graduated with an MSc in 1996, a PhD in 2001 and a Postdoc in 2003. Then, he joined the Faculty of Animal Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Hue University as vice Dean. Since then he

held many important positions including: Director, Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovations of Hue University (2011 – 2013); Vice President of Hue University (2013 – 2016); President of Hue University (2017 – 2022). He has published over 50 research articles in WoS/Scopus indexed journals and 70 research articles in national journals belonging to national science and technology. Currently he is actively involved in review activities in many international journals such as *Animal Bioscience*, *Livestock and Animal Health*, *Aquaculture*, *Aquaculture and Fisheries*, *ABM Express*.



Dr. Jung Min Heo earned his bachelor of science degree in animal science in 2003 and a Master's degree in 2005, both from Chungnam National University. In 2010, he completed his Ph.D. at Murdoch University, focusing on reducing protein content in diets for weaner pigs to control post-weaning diarrhea and exploring the physiological and metabolic responses of the gastrointestinal tract. Following his Ph.D., Dr. Heo conducted post-doctoral studies in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, from 2011 to 2013. During this time, he delved into nutrition/gut health interactions in weaner to grower pigs. In 2013, Dr. Heo returned to Chungnam National University in South Korea, where he currently serves as a Professor in the Department of Animal Science and Biotechnology, as well as the Vice-Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Heo's current research interests encompass the nutrition and digestive physiology of various poultry, including broilers, laying hens, and Korean native chickens. Additionally, he explores alternatives to antimicrobials in poultry diets, investigates the role of nutrition and the environment in modifying immune function and the gastrointestinal microbiota, evaluates feedstuff, and seeks methods to control enteric diseases in poultry without the use of antimicrobials.



Dr. Tansol Park currently works as an assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science and Technology at Chung-Ang University. He received his Ph.D. degree in animal science from Ohio State University in 2017. His research primarily concentrates on gut microbiology, with a particular emphasis on the rumen microbiome and its impact on nutrient utilization efficiency in ruminants. Furthermore, Dr. Park has a significant interest in rumen protozoology exploring its role in symbiotic microbial associations, methane mitigation and the enhancement of nitrogen utilization efficiency.