

**AGENDA USAHA COMMITTEE ON BLUETONGUE AND RELATED  
ORBIVIRUSES**

**Michigan Room**

**Monday, October 3, 1 – 6 PM**

- 1:00 – 1:10**            **James Maclachlan and William Wilson**  
Introductions  
Response to last year’s motion regarding exotic BTV strains  
News - OIE EHDV update, DISCONTTOOLS protocols, and OIE  
Lab Network meeting in Teramo
- 1:10 – 1:40**            **Peter Mertens**  
Activities at IAH Pirbright and in Europe
- 1:40 – 2:00**            **Steve Weber**  
USDA APHIS bluetongue surveillance activity
- 2:00 – 2:20**            **Christie Mayo**  
Anthropogenic and meteorological drivers of BTV infection in  
California
- 2:20 – 2:40**            **Lee Cohnstaedt**  
Improving surveillance of *Culicoides sonorensis* with more  
efficient light traps
- 2:40 – 3:00**            **Bill Wilson**  
Whole genome phylogenetic studies of recent Orbivirus  
introductions
- 3:00 – 3:30**            **Break**
- 3:30 – 3:50**            **Barbara Drolet**  
BTV serotype 8 pathogenesis studies
- 3:50 – 4:10**            **Donna Johnson**  
NVSL update
- 4:10 – 4:30**            **Mark Ruder**  
Southeastern Wildlife Cooperative update
- 4:30 – 4:50**            **Scott McVey**  
The Arthropod-borne Animal Diseases Research program update
- 5:00 – 6:00**            **Discussion**