



WG-6 Estimation of breeding values

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Meetings - online

Kick of meeting, Dec 2013

Breeding in BSF, Marco Meneguz, Feb. 2024

Breeding in mealworm, Kety Paul, Mar. 2024

Breeding and EBV in honeybee, Jernej Bubnič/Tristan Kistler, Apr, 2024







Celle WS, may 2024

4 presentations:

Laura Hansen - House fly breeding values estimation
Andreas Hoppe - Honeybee specificities in Breeding values estimation
Sreten Andonov - BLUP in honeybee
Richard Bernstein - The new concept – Genomic selection in honeybees







Lessons learned

Specificities in insect biology is a challenge

Trait definition, phenotypes and relationship records are challenges

Progress in other WGs = (WG4 and WG5) are essential

A non-uniform approach in EBV, more complexed than supposed

Experience/approach applied in other species can be beneficial

Different current status in EBVs in different species (BSF, mealworms, house flies, crickets and honey bees)



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Next steps

- 1. White paper describing EBV in insects (initial steps autumn 2024)
- 2. Software for accounting honey bee relationships with various options to become an integrated part of BLUPf90 package
 - Richard Bernstein made software adaptations and prepare tutorials
 - Initial discussions and provisional setup with UGA group









