

## Practical Information

The meeting will be held in French and English with consecutive interpreters.

**Accommodation:** on receipt of your registration, you will receive a list of accommodation available in and around Saugues: guest rooms, hotels.

Please contact directly your preferred accommodation.

**Conference fee:** 75 Euros

This covers: attendance at the conference and visits, coffee-breaks, lunches on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, dinners on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Deadline for registration:** 5 October 2015

After the deadline, conference fee is 100 Euros.

### How to reach Saugues ?



*By plane:* Airports of Lyon Saint Exupéry or Clermont-Ferrand

*By train:* station of Clermont-Ferrand

*By car:* Clermont-Saugues: 120 km, 1h45; Lyon-St Exupéry-Saugues: 200km, 3h

From Clermont-Ferrand (airport and station), a *shuttle bus* will be organised for Friday afternoon and will return to Clermont on Saturday afternoon.

### Tourism

Saugues is located on the Via Podensis, the oldest of the roads to Saint Jacques de Compostelle with over 20,000 pilgrims passing through here every year. The farmer's market is held every Friday.

At 45 km, Le Puy en Velay: volcanic peaks, cathedral, museum, center of bobbin lace.

At 50 km, in Langogne, the spinningmill of Calquières, a living museum of wool.

## Organizers



**ATELIER**  
Laines d'Europe

Founded in 1989 with the aim of developing cooperation between people wishing to promote and upgrade European wool. More than 200 members in about 10 countries: breeders, shearers, enterprises and craftspeople, designers, museums... take part in the activities.



### Pôle Laine du Pays de Saugues

The association "Pôle Laine du Pays de Saugues" is to promote, develop and structure a wool industry in the territory of Saugues in its agricultural, economic, social, cultural and tourism aspects - giving maximum consideration to sustainable development.

**LAINAMAC**  
lainamac.fr

LAINAMAC is an association specialized in the promotion and structuring of the wool industry in the Massif Central. It aims to balance the

wool industry value chain through coordination of agricultural, craft and industrial. It also manages a specialized training centre on wool (felting, knitting, dyeing and weaving).

## Participants

Sheep breeders and professional sheep breeding organisations  
Wool merchants, wool scouring enterprises  
Mattress makers, spinning mills  
Manufacturers of wool scouring machines  
Veterinary health authorities  
Specialists for the treatment of effluents and energy  
Local authorities  
Rural development organisations

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## European meeting

### Wool scouring in Europe: Urgent and ecological solutions



### in Saugues (Haute-Loire) 4th – 6th November 2015



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## Programme

### **Tuesday 3 November**

17.00-19.00: Welcoming of the participants, registration

### **Wednesday 4 November**

8.30: Welcoming of the participants, registration

#### **9.30: Presentation of the meeting**

#### **10.00: Wool scouring: a weak step**

- Closing of scouring plants, how serious is the situation
- Involvement of the sheep breeders in the scouring processing
- The scouring industry
- Presentation of the European regulation regarding greasy wool

12.00: official opening

12.30: *buffet*

#### **14.00: Scouring wool, the various levels**

- Basis knowledge of scouring
- Wool scouring in Europe : in the past and today
- Map of the enterprises and movements of wool in the world
- Initiatives for local wool processing in this context

16.00: *coffee break*

#### **16.30: By the enterprise Laurent Laines**

"Scouring lab": scouring wool in practice

Visit of the enterprise: scouring, storage, upholstery

20.00: *dinner*

### **Thursday 5 November**

#### **9.00: Wool scouring plants and their markets**

- A batch size scouring plant
- A middle-size scouring plant
- A large size scouring plant
- Small size scouring machines
- Cooperation is necessary

11.00: *coffee break*

#### **11.00: Visit of the exhibition: stands and posters**

12.30: *lunch*

#### **14.30: Water, energy and wastewater: an ecological challenge**

- Today's water waste and treatments
- Anaerobic digestion: effluent treatment and biogas production

16.30: *coffee break*

#### **17.00: Visit of Les Ateliers de la Bruyère**

20.00: *dinner*

21.00: *public evening*

### **Friday 6 November**

#### **8.00: Sheep market**

It takes place each Friday, 500 to 600 lambs are sold. It is a reference for the merchants.

#### **9.00-10.30: working groups on the three objectives of the meeting – action plan**

10.30: *coffee break*

#### **11.00-12.30: Presentation of the results of the working groups**

#### **Conclusions of the meeting**

13.00: *lunch*

## Objectives of the meeting

1. Take into consideration the operation of wool scouring as a final link in the livestock sector. Can farmers and agricultural organisations take a more active part of the running and development of this process?
2. Examine the possibilities of integrating the 50% impurities of the weight of the greasy wool as a valuable resource and not as waste that must, expensively, get discarded.
3. Decide whether closer coordination in the sector, exchange of experiences, research and pilot projects for ecological scouring

## Organisation of the meeting

The meeting will take place in a mountainous region (960 m) where sheep farming is important. Saugues has kindly put at our disposal the meeting and exhibition rooms.

**Verbal statements** will present the main lines of thinking and typical examples.

All participants can present their companies, projects or experiences as **posters and stands** in a large exhibition hall, above the meeting room. An exhibition of greasy wool and scoured wool of different sheep breeds will also be created with the samples provided by the participants. This showroom will be open to the public.

The "**scouring lab**" will give everyone the basis for understanding the washing process and its difficulties.

The **visits** of Laurent scouring plant, the Ateliers de la Bruyère and sheep market will present the sheep and the wool processing operations in the region.

