

FOREWORD

Up to the present, the cooperation between Taiwan and France has entered the 30th year since 1983. During the long-term partnership, researchers from both countries have maintained good interflows and made significant achievements that we treasure so much. Today we are delighted to hosting the bilateral symposium here, and to have so many participants from Taiwan and France to discuss and share experiences on current research and practice in minipigs for biomedical utilization.

Minipigs are physiologically and anatomically similar to that of the human body, and are thus suitable for the development of a variety of models for biomedical research. The purpose of this symposium is to present current achievements, research status and perspectives of cooperation of both countries on minipigs. LRI started the minipig project in 1980. Until now, five minipig breeds have been registered, and the management system was awarded AAALAC accreditation in 2013. We are very pleased to have your kind participation to complete this symposium. The Organizing Committee is arranging a scientific program including genetic improvement, nutrition, reproduction, physiology, animal welfare, and the use of miniature pigs in biotechnological and biomedical application, and which forms a good opportunity to share ideas for advancing the use of minipigs in biomedical and translational researches.

On behalf of the LRI, I would like to thank every participant. Special thanks go to the INRA guests who have traveled here from faraway. We hope to reinforce the friendship and mutual cooperation between both countries through this special event. Let us work together for better life tomorrow.



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