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Initiated by LAREU, about 50 experts on genetics met in a special workshop organized within the XXXI Conference of the International Society for Animal Genetics (ISAG) in Amsterdam (Netherlands) on July 21, 2008. The participants came together from various countries worldwide keeping camelids, to discuss the possibilities of a harmonization for the DNA tests in llamas and alpacas. The working group was chaired by Dr. Cecilia Penedo from the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at the University of California at Davis (UC Davis), USA.

The decisions taken by the working group were the following: Led by UC Davis, a ring test will be organized with about 20 participating laboratories worldwide. The DNA samples to investigate will be sent to the participating laboratories by September 2008. The results of the investigations will be available by the end of January 2009 at UC Davis and will then be evaluated for a set of suited DNA markers.