



## **MONDAY**

22 September 2025

## **TOPIC OF DISCUSSION**

09:00

Opening and Welcome: President WPSA, Dr M. Tixier-Boichard



Michèle Tixier-Boichard is a senior scientist at INRAE, specializing in animal genetics since 1985, primarily focusing on chickens. After completing her PhD in pig breeding at INRAE, she now researches feather colour genes, genetic diversity, and local breed conservation. She has published 140 papers and supervised 12 PhDs.

Since 2010, she has chaired the French National Gene Bank and coordinates the French National Infrastructure of Biological Resource Centres for Agriculture Research (AgroBRC), including CRB-Anim for domestic animals.

A member of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA) since 1989, she chaired the "Breeding and Genetics" group from 1994-2002 and served as Vice-President of both the European Federation and WPSA board. She chaired the 26th World's Poultry Congress organizing committee in 2022 and produced a centenary video for the WPC in 2021.