

PlantPlan Genetics Pty Ltd recently facilitated a short course on Genetic Analysis as detailed below. Similar courses have been presented in Australia, North America and Europe by **Dr Greg Dutkowski** PlantPlan Genetics, Quantitative Geneticist. Participants have been pleased with the courses, and Dr Dutkowski can be contacted at greg.dutkowski@plantplan.com (Ph +61 3 6226 2213).

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The **International Centre for Plant Breeding Education and Research (ICPBER)** at UWA held a short course entitled "**Genetic Analysis using ASReml**", April 16-18 2009.

The course was planned to be very hands-on, with a small number of participants to allow individual attention from the presenter, **Dr Greg Dutkowski** of **PlantPlan Genetics Pty Ltd**/ Honorary Research Associate at the University of Tasmania. In the event, the 8 participants came from all over Australia representing a wide range of breeding organisations from trees to fish. The course was mounted to flank the Australasian Forest Genetics Conference also held in Perth in April. Participants had differing levels of expertise in the statistical methods being used, which is always a challenge for a presenter. To address this, during the course each session of theory was followed by practical exercises. The CRC Board Room where the course was held was a sea of laptops and cabling as participants worked through exercises. Feedback from the participants about the course was universal in its praise – Their expectations were met or exceeded and that all aspects of the course were useful and/or interesting. This sort of rewarding feedback encourages ICPBER to continue to host such courses.



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