Tuesday May 30, 2017
4:00 pm Program Committee/Moderators meeting
4:00 - 6:00 pm Registration
5:00 Reception & Dinner

Opening Session: Conference Kickoff
7:00 Welcome Larry Miller, DISCOVER Conference Series and DC32 Co-chairs Kristy Daniels, Virginia Tech & Keith Poulsen, University of Wisconsin
7:10 Keynote Speaker: Bob James, Down Home Heifer Solutions (Virginia Tech, retired)
8:00 Adjourn

Wednesday May 31, 2017
7:00 am Continental breakfast
8:00 Welcome and Announcements. Larry Miller, ADSA Discover Conferences

Session 1: Growth Moderator: Kristy Daniels, Virginia Tech
8:10 Biology of Growth. Jim Drackley, University of Illinois
8:40 Weaned Heifer Nutrition as it Relates to Growth and Future Milk Production. Kristy Daniels, Virginia Tech
9:20 Break
9:40 Stress Biology and Growing Heifer. Jaymelynn Farney, Kansas State University
10:10 Impact of growth on later productivity and profitability: Group Discussion
11:30 Lunch

Session 2: Health and Welfare Moderator: Keith Poulsen, University of Wisconsin
12:30 pm Impact of Pneumonia on Rearing Replacement Heifers. Sheila McGuirk, University of Wisconsin
1:00 Heifer Mastitis Prevention and Control. Steve Nickerson, University of Georgia
1:30 Discussion
2:00 Break
2:30 Impact of Disease in Heifers on Future Production. Mike Overton, Elanco Animal Health
3:00 Impacts of Feeding and Housing Management on Heifer Behavior and Wellbeing. Trevor DeVries, University of Guelph
3:30 Discussion
4:00 Workgroups
5:15 Adjourn
5:30 Reception to continue informal discussion

Thursday June 1, 2017
7:00 am Continental breakfast

Session 3: Management and Profitability Moderator: Mike Van Amburgh, Cornell University
8:00 Workgroup Reports
9:00 Genomics to Manage the Herd. Dan Weigel, Zoetis
9:30 Genomics + Phenotype to Manage the Herd. Brad Nosbush, Nosbush Dairy
10:00 Break
10:15 Custom Heifer Rearing. Darin Mann, M&M Feedlots
10:45 Discussion
11:30 Lunch

Session 4: Herd level Dynamics Moderator: Geoff Smith, North Carolina State University
12:30 Herd Level Dynamics and Management Impact on Production and Profit 1. Mike Van Amburgh, Cornell University
1:00 Herd Level Dynamics and Management Impact on Production and Profit 2. Greg Bethard, G&R Dairy Consulting, Inc.
1:30 Discussion
2:00 Review Workgroup Recommendations; Wrap-up and Next Steps. Keith Poulsen, University of Wisconsin and Bob James, Down Home Heifer Solutions (Virginia Tech, retired)
3:00 Adjourn