



## Report for ICAR Working Group on Functional Traits

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<b>Members left since June 2015</b>	none	
<b>Meeting(s) since June 2015</b>	<p><u>Last:</u></p> <p><b>21/9/2015 (online)</b> – ICAR WGFT with Burke/Wickham</p> <p><b>22/9/2015 (online)</b> - ICAR WGFT + Claw health experts</p> <p><b>25/2/2016 (online)</b> – ICAR WGFT + small group of claw health experts</p> <p><b>3/3/2016 (online)</b> – ICAR WGFT</p> <p><b>3-4 May 2016 (meeting in Vienna)</b> – ICAR WGFT with claw health expert (Benchmarking,.)</p> <p><b>13/6/2016 (online)</b> – ICAR WGFT + Claw health experts</p> <p><b>26/9/2016 (online)</b> – ICAR WGFT</p>	<p><u>Next:</u></p> <p><b>26/10/2016</b> – Puerto Varas (Chile)</p> <p><b>15 to 18/11/2016</b> EuroTier (Hannover)</p>

	Additional some other online meetings with few people (e.g work on review paper claw health)	
<b>Participation in meetings</b>	Full +:	Absence
<b>Priorities addressed since June 2015 (last report)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translations of claw health atlas to meanwhile 18 languages</li> <li>• Information on new standard of claw health data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Lamness Conference in Chile (November 2015, Fiedler)</li> <li>◦ German Hoof Trimmers Association (Verein Geprüfter Klauenpfleger e.V.) Schloss Beichling, Deutschland (February 2016, C. Egger-Danner)</li> <li>◦ National Veterinary Conference in Leipzig (January 2016, K.E. Müller)</li> <li>◦ World Buiatric Conference in Dublin, Irland (July 2016, Kofler)</li> <li>◦ Seminar of Hoof Trimmers in Echem, Germany (July 2016, K.F. Stock)</li> <li>◦ EAAP-Conference in Belfast, North Irland (August 2016, Charfeddine)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>ICAR meeting in Chile (October 2016, Charfeddine)</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Interbull meeting in Chile (October 2016, Heringstad)</i></li> <li>◦ <i>National Veterinary Conference in Hannover, Germany (November 2016; K.F.Stock)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Further steps on elaboration of guidelines for claw health (work on benchmarking, Review paper on claw health and genetics - as base for guidelines)</li> <li>• Review paper on metabolic disorders (Pryce et al. 2016)</li> <li>• Update of udder health guideline</li> <li>• EuroTier -15/11/2016 and 18/11/2016: Dialogue between practice and science in claw health – presentations and practical demonstrations organised by ICAR WGFT and German colleagues</li> </ul>	
<b>Priorities for next year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish guidelines for udder health</li> <li>• Finish guidelines for claw health</li> <li>• Guidelines for metabolic disorders</li> <li>• Survival (vitality, longevity,...)</li> </ul>	
<b>Issues which the Group wishes ICAR Board to consider</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visibility of guidelines on ICAR homepage. It is still difficult to find specific guidelines, not only for external persons, as all the guidelines are within one publication. Could it not be possible that the individual guidelines can be found if you search in google?</li> <li>• Thank you to ICAR for the great support with all the work associated with the publication of the ICAR Claw Health Atlas and the related PR work (pdf templets in multiple languages for printing booklets, poster template for the EuroTier 2016)</li> </ul>	