



THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR LIVESTOCK DATA

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Interbeef WG Report – October 2016

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SC/WG/TF/ name	Interbeef.	
Chair	Andrew Cromie, ICBF.	
Members (names)	Frederich Reinhardt (DEU), Rob Banks (AUS), Kirsty Moore (SCO), Pavel Bucek (CZK), Laurent Griffon (FRA), Japie van der Westhuizen (RS), Anders Fogh (DNK).	
Members left since June 2015	Clara Diaz (ESP)	
Meeting(s) since June 2015	<p><u>Last</u>: Salzburg, Austria, March 2016.</p> <p>In addition we have had 8 (bi-monthly) conference calls involving a sub-group of the WG & TG. Members of this sub-group include; Andrew Cromie, Ross Evans, Thierry Pabiou (all ICBF), Eric Venot (INRA), Eva Hjerpe, Hossein Jorjani and Toine Roosen (all ITBC).</p>	<p><u>Next</u>: Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2017.</p>
Participation in meetings	Full +: At Salzburg meeting 24 people attended, including 5 from the WG.	Absence:
Priorities addressed since June 2015 (last report)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simmental test evaluation. This was agreed in Austria in March, with six countries involved; DEU, CHE, IRE, DNK, FIN & SWE (operating as DFS). Decision re: implementation to routine service to be taken at this meeting. 2. Use of cross-bred data in genetic evaluations. Research undertaken by ICBF with results shared to service-users. Decision re: implementation to routine service to be taken at this meeting. 3. Updated “Code of Practice” document, including new service agreements for routine service and research collaboration. This work was undertaken with ICAR and Interbull Centre. Initial drafts will be presented at this meeting, with objective of making these agreements operational in time for services in 2017. 4. Interbeef service calendar established. This was established with the Interbull Centre and includes two official evaluations 	

	<p>(release dates in Nov and April each year) and one test evaluation (in June each year), with the option of having one additional test run for new countries (in Sept each year).</p> <p>5. Strategy for new members. A proposal has been developed for attracting new members to the Interbeef service. The proposal will be discussed at this meeting.</p>
Priorities for next year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New service agreements. Establish service agreements to underpin new service agreements for routine service, and research collaboration. 2. New routine evaluations for calving traits. Move current research work in calving evaluations from research environment to routine evaluations. 3. Test evaluations for female fertility. Move current research work in female fertility evaluations to test evaluation status. 4. Data call and genetic parameter estimation for carcass traits. Initiate work on genetic evaluations for carcass and beef performance traits. 5. Expand Interbeef service to new members. Grow membership of ICAR-Interbeef through combination of existing members (i.e., small countries participating with existing members) and new members.
Issues which the Group wishes ICAR Board to consider	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GenoEx (v2). Develop GenoEx for storage and exchange of genotypes for Interbeef research and future services. This is crucial for the continued expansion of ICAR/Interbeef services. 2. New members. Support for the expansion of service to new members.