

ICAR WGs, TFs and SCs Report

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Meetings	<u>Last:</u>	<u>Next:</u>
Participation	Full +:	Absence
Key Agenda Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During the last mission in Peru, carried out in April, the Alpaca genetic Centre of Tocra, managed by ICAR member DESCO has been supervised and the first Male was evaluated in the Multiplier farms according to the Open Nucleus strategy. In the present year the first offspring will born. At the same time together to the DESCO Member has been promoted the Open Nucleus Strategy and the ICAR Guide Line in two different Peruvian Alpaca breeding areas: ACORA and LAMPA , Municipality in the Puno / Titicaca Lake region. We are waiting for an answer to start other two Alpaca breeding Open Nucleus program for the Highland Peru Region. 2. Together to Chinese WG Animal Fibre Member, a first approach has been carried out to organize a Chinese cashmere breeding program in the Inner Mongolia Province – Alashan Banner. Italian Industrial textile Factories (Loro Piana Group) has been involved as project partners and as sponsor . Main goal is to involve the local Farms association or Municipalities for the end of the present year as ICAR Member and start the first guide line for cashmere fibre production. 3. Regarding to the definition of Huacaya and Suri fibre/type, a contribute from Italian and Peuvian WG Animal Fibre Members has been done with the follow scientific paper: “<i>Comparison of Fiber and Cuticular Attributes of Alpaca and Llama Fleeces</i>” approved by Textile Research Journal (Paper in Attachment). Present paper is a concrete contribute to standardize a method of Alpaca fibre analysis and quality assurance in laboratories applicable to animal fibre recording 	
Important Decisions		
Cooperation and links to other WG/TF/SC	SC Animal Identification Sub-Committee	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadline		
Top 5 Issues for WG/TF/SC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. definition of Huacaya and Suri fibre/type; 2. the definition of the objective and criteria in Alpaca fibre selection program world wide; 3. the contribution to adequate analytical performance quality for Alpaca fibre recording purpose world wide; 4. the development of reference document and standard on methods of Alpaca fibre analysis and quality assurance in laboratories applicable to animal fibre recording. 	