



# ICAR Newsletter

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**International Committee  
for Animal Recording**



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For this 2010 Biennial Session, two publications are expected:

The "Book of Abstracts" that will be distributed to participants before the meeting in a rough binding which will help them in joining to the session with a general overview of the speeches and presentations; and

The "Book of Proceedings" produced after the meeting that will be refereed by the Chairmen of the Sessions. The "Book of Proceedings" will be available only in digital form for downloading from the ICAR website

**Call for Abstracts is now open and files proposed for theatre presentation can be submitted by e-mail to [riga@icar.org](mailto:riga@icar.org) (Deadline 20 Feb. 2010)**

All the Presentations, Abstracts and Manuscripts must be submitted in English.

The proposed Abstract must contain the following information:

- Title of the presentation.
- Name of the Author(s) and name of their institution/organisation.
- A short abstract of the presentation, not longer than 20 lines using Verdana 10pt.
- The proposed session (number of the Session and its Chairman) in which the manuscript best fits.

Files which do not comply with all the above requirements will not be taken into consideration.

Deadline for submission is 20 February 2010 and the Authors will be informed by 15 April about the acceptance or rejection of their proposal.

### **BOOK OF ABSTRACTS**

By 30th April the final Abstract of the manuscript (one page max.) must be submitted by e-mail to the Latvian Organising Committee ([erna.galvanovska@ldc.gov.lv](mailto:erna.galvanovska@ldc.gov.lv) and [evija.skujina@ldc.gov.lv](mailto:evija.skujina@ldc.gov.lv)) using the: "Abstract Model" available at [www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/doc/abstract\\_model.dot](http://www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/doc/abstract_model.dot) and following the "Instructions" contained in the PDF file available at: [www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/doc/instructions\\_for\\_abstract\\_submission.pdf](http://www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/doc/instructions_for_abstract_submission.pdf)

### **BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS**

By 30 July the final manuscript must be submitted to [riga@icar.org](mailto:riga@icar.org) using the: "Manuscript Model" (available at: [www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/doc/manuscript\\_model.dot](http://www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/doc/manuscript_model.dot)) indicating the number of session and its Chairman from the programme, following the "Instructions" as reported in the PDF file available at [www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/doc/instructions\\_for\\_paper\\_submission.pdf](http://www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/doc/instructions_for_paper_submission.pdf) and respecting the general rules available in the official website at: [www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/en/id4.php](http://www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/en/id4.php).

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### **Preliminary Programme**

The Program of the 37th ICAR Session to be held in Riga, Latvia, 31 May to 04 June 2010 is now available on the web site at: [www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/en/id3\\_1.php](http://www.ldc.gov.lv/icar2010/en/id3_1.php)

Themes include a number of topics related to new developments in animal identification, recording and evaluation, such as use of genomic tools in animal breeding, improving health and fertility in dairy cattle, AI technology and interaction with genetic evaluation, breeding technologies.

### **World Breed Federation; meeting in Riga**

On the occasion of the ICAR session, representatives of world breed federations will meet in Riga to discuss matters of joint interest and opportunities for the use of the work carried out by ICAR in the implementation of their objects as well as for better coordination of their programs with those of ICAR.

## **CERTIFICATE OF QUALITY**

On the basis of reports submitted by ICAR auditors, the Board accorded the ICAR Certificate of Quality to the following Members:

- Estonian Animal Recording Centre for identification system for dairy cattle, production recording of dairy cattle and genetic evaluation.
- Deutscher Verband für Leistungs- und Qualitätsprüfungen e.V. (DLQ), Germany for identification system and production recording of dairy cattle, sample transport, laboratory analysis, data processing and sample transport.
- Agricultural Data Centre, Latvia, for identification system and production recording of dairy and beef cattle, sheep and goats, and genetic evaluation.
- VIT w.V., Germany, for genetic evaluation for dairy cattle.
- CONVIS, Luxembourg, for identification system for dairy and beef cattle, sheep and goats; recording production of dairy and beef cattle, sheep and goats; laboratory analysis, data processing and cattle genetic evaluation.
- ZAR - Zentrale Arbeitsgemeinschaft österreichischer Rinderzüchter (LKV-Ausschuss), for recording production of dairy and beef cattle.
- Laboratorium Oceny Mleka KCHZ Laboratorium Referencyjne z/s w Parzniewie, Poland, for reference laboratory;



**Laboratorium Oceny Mleka w Kole Spółka z o.o.**

## APPROVAL OF A NEW RECORDING DEVICE

### Milk meters

The ICAR Board approved the recording device MWS manufactured by Lely Industries for the use in cow milk recording.

### Animal identification devices

During 2009, 43 new devices for animal identification have been approved of which:

- 21 tag.
- 11 bolus.
- 8 inject.
- 3 tag attachment.

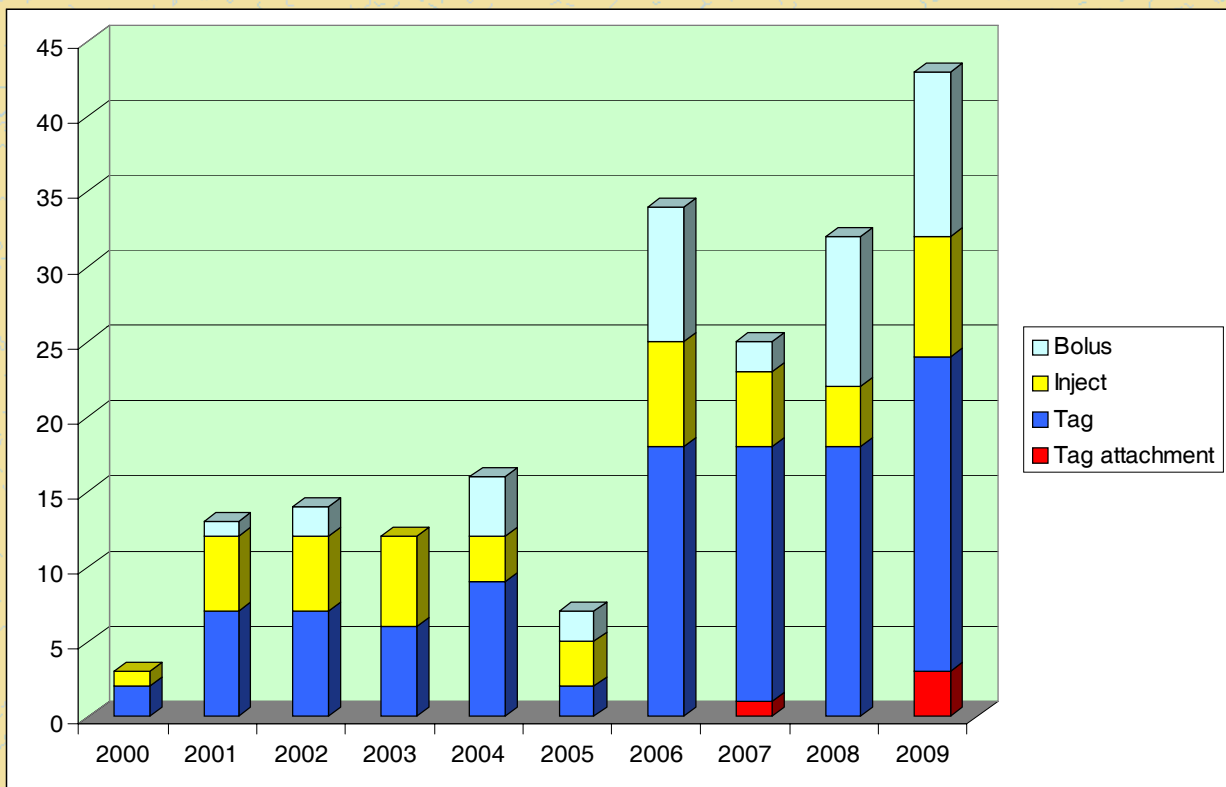


Figure 1. Transponders approved by ICAR from 2001 to 2009.



### **Statutes and by-laws review**

The ICAR legal documents - the ICAR Statutes, the International Agreement on Identification, Recording and Evaluation of farm Animals and ICAR By-laws regulate objects and functions of the Organization. They are approved, changed and amended by Ordinary (International Agreement and By-laws) and Extraordinary General Assembly (Statutes).

Changes and amendments approved in the last decade reflected necessary adjustments to the dynamic developments in science and technology and changes in the social and economic environment in which ICAR and its members operate. Adjustments of legal documents were managed with care for the stability of the legal framework of the Organization.

The Secretariat is preparing proposals for revision of By-laws on procedure of the General Assembly and on the approval of the ICAR guidelines. The proposals are expected to include the classification of the role of the General Assembly and the Board to ensure efficient business operations.

### **ICAR Forum - A tool for improved communication**

The broader and more intensive use of the ICAR forum ([www.service-icar.com/forum](http://www.service-icar.com/forum)) could contribute to the improved communication and between ICAR bodies and ICAR Members as well as among Members themselves. It could be an efficient tool in reviewing of current issues and the state of the ICAR activities.

The ICAR Secretariat welcomes suggestions and contributions from readers of ICAR Newsletter on how to improve and better use this tool.

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