

Minutes of the ICAR Working Group on Milk Recording Of Goats  
Riga, June 2nd 2010

**Draft minutes**

Present: Zdravko Barac (Croatia), Jean-Michel Astruc (France) Drago Kompan (Slovenia)

The meeting was held from 16:00 to 18:00 hours

The agenda was adopted:

1. Changes in the constitution of the working group - Renewal of the members of the group.
2. Discussion about "on line" database
3. Enhance members' interest to the yearly enquiry
4. Harmonisation of guidelines
5. Standards for meat recording in goat breeds?
6. Cooperation with other WG and Sub-comities
7. Miscellaneous

**1. Changes in the constitution of the working group - Renewal of the members of the group.**

There were changes in WG members and their positions, and a new chair is Zdravko Barac (Croatia), and the members are Jean-Michel Astruc (France), Drago Kompan (Slovenia) and Christina Ligda (Greece).

It was pointed out that Ms Ligda was absent for last meetings, and the chair of the WG will make contact to Ms Ligda and check if she is going to stay active in the WG or she could suggest another person from Greece. Greece is very important country due to large number of small ruminants.

D. Kompan informed group members that Mr. Franz-Josef Romberg is highly interested to join the group.

**2. Discussion about "on line" database**

One of the concerns of the WG is data collection from the member countries. The chair pointed out effort of Mr. Cesare Mosconi in preparation of on-line data base, available to all member countries and stated its appreciation for it.

Currently are active only countries that earlier reported to have herd-book goats. Personalized e-mails with login and password will be distributed to the representatives of these countries. Proposal of the WG to the member countries is to enter the data at least for the last two years (2008 and 2009).

**3. Enhance members' interest to the yearly enquiry**

Earlier experience in data collection is that members often need another encouragement to report data. WG would like to invite member countries to enter data for several years, at least for 2008 and 2009.

**4. Harmonisation of guidelines**

Zdravko Barac pointed out that a question regarding interpretation of milk recording guidelines aroused. Some points of guidelines are opposite and need to be harmonised.

The proposal of the WG is to prepare draft amendments to the guideline chapter “Section 2.3 - ICAR rules, standards and guidelines for milk recording in goats” for the next ICAR session in Ireland.

#### **5. Standards for meat recording in goat breeds?**

Jean-Michel Astruc informed the WG that group for meat recording in small ruminants existed several years ago. The group stopped with its activities. The production of meat is of importance, but the diversity of local goat breeds is high and therefore it would be good to prepare short questionnaire for the member countries and to collect data on principles and traits that are already in recording. The draft questionnaire should be prepared by the WG and distributed among group members. Finalised version should be distributed to the member countries through ICAR office.

Suggested questions are:

1. Country
2. List of breeds
3. Breeding program(s) yes or no per breed
4. No of animals
5. Traits that are measured

#### **6. Cooperation with other WG and Sub-comities**

WG Milk recording in goats has good cooperation with WG sheep milk recording. Also, it should increase cooperation to other WGs and Sub-comities (Devices, milk analysis)

#### **7. Miscellaneous**

It was pointed out that WG should consider

- non-milk traits
- udder traits