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To: WG members
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This is the status report of the ICAR WG on dairy milk recording as of February 2012.

1. The ToR for this WG has been approved by the ICAR board in 2011
2. The chairman was appointed in September 2011
3. The WG members. See list below.
4. WG lactation calculation will terminate. Are there any issues which should be transferred to this group?
5. The focus of the group will be the ToR, which is in essence alignment of the ICAR recommendations to modern herd dairy recording business. Therefore the WG will not do any scientific analysis. If that is needed, attempts will be made that one of the members will approach scientists to do analysis. Such scientist will be invited to the WG to give their view.
6. The first step will be to follow the ToR and start with a survey of collating and tabulating the recording methods used by ICAR members
7. Cooperation or interaction to other WG. I propose to follow the ToR. Of course, there will be interaction to ICAR subcommittees or ICAR WG, where needed. This is for exchange of knowledge, not for activities. In principal, the ICAR board safeguard the whole spectrum of activities and the activities for a specific group. So I will report to the ICAR board and it is the board to state that some fields have to be covered by this working group as it is the best place to do that.
8. The first meeting is scheduled in Cork on May 29, 2012, 11:00 h – 13:00 h in Willow room.

Appendix

ICAR Dairy Cattle Milk Recording Working Group Membership

It may be seem that this WG will cover all aspects of dairy cattle recording, from the systems used on farm now and in the future, to lactation calculations and to ensure that the ICAR membership have the most appropriate Guidelines to ensure best practice for their respective users.

There should be no part of dairy cattle milk recording which is not covered by this WG, so the skills required by its members will vary from providers of on-farm recording, users of information provided, those who require phenotypic data as well as those how use information for genetic evaluations (although most of this aspect will be covered by the ICAR subcommittee Interbull).

The Working Group will be responsible for:

1. Ensuring that the published ICAR Guidelines are relevant in respect of dairy cattle milk recording.

2. Regularly collating and tabulating the recording methods used by ICAR members
3. Based upon data and information gathered:
 - a. Make such recommendations, based upon sound scientific and economic principles, to improve the relevant ICAR Guidelines, and
 - b. To provide analysis to the membership on the different methods practiced
4. To monitor relevant developments in non-ICAR member activities and businesses and, where appropriate, report accordingly.
5. To recommend changes to Guidelines relating to areas such as lactation calculation methods, where new scientific or economic knowledge will bring about a measurable benefit to the members.
6. To liaise with the other ICAR subcommittees and working groups.

<i>Area</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
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South America	Carlos Trejo	Chili	COOPRINSEM
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