ICAR Group Report

Date *of report*	9 April 2013	
SC/WG/TF/ *name*	Genetic Analysis Working Group	
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Members *Name, organization, country and year joined, email contact*	Wim van Haeringen, Dr. Van Haeringen Laboratorium BV, NL, since start, wha@vhladmin.nl Marco Winters, XXXX, UK, since start, Marco.Winters@dairyco.ahdb.org.uk Kevin Lang, XXXX, CA, lang@src.sk.ca Bianca Lind, XXXX, DE, lb@fbf-forschung.de Raffaele Mazza, XXXX, IT, mazza.r@aia.it	
Members left	2011: Brent Woodward 2012: Paolo Ajmone Marsan 2013: Marie-Yvonne Bocher	
Meeting(s) since June 2011	Last: 15 April 2013	Next: ICAR Aarhus, May 2013
Participation	Full +: All meetings have been taking place as Telephone Conferences. With one or two incidental exceptions, all members have participated	Absence -
Key Agenda Issues	- (Re)accreditation of labs. - Frequency of accreditation. - Stakeholder requests.	
Important Decisions made since June 2011	Key topics: - STR (microsatellite) accreditation of labs - SNP accreditation of labs - Discussion on extra marker panels	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed	ISAG ICAR WG Parentage Recording	

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organisations, manufacturers etc	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	Clarify/formalise links with ISAG ? Should the group explore accreditation of labs which analyse DNA not just for parentage? (e.g. Genomic selection) Update of WG Guidelines
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	- (Re)accreditation of labs. - Exchange of genetic / genomics information. - Co-organization of ring tests with ISAG
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	Harmonisation and standardisation of parentage validation in cattle and providing ICAR accreditation for DNA labs
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	?
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	?

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