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Subject: ID Inconsistencies/Anomalies - Interbull/Intergenomics

Hi all,

on the 27th Oct in Chile myself, Jay, Marj and Joao met for 30 mins to discuss some of the **ID issues** as flagged by Gerben in his paper at the Interbull sessions earlier in that week. Its fair to say this 'issue' has been under discussion for some time - we agreed its time we in the ICAR community got a handle on it. To try and work out a way forward for our members.

The summary points of this small group discussion are below;

1. We agreed we need to define a '**Problem Statement**' - to get started Gerben can you provide this with some specifics/examples in each case ? (with input from Interbull/Interbeef/Intergenomics) to define.
2. Small team of selected 'member users' to review and verify the problems as described by Gerben and set priorities. (make of this 'members users' team to be defined).
3. The SC ID needs to complete its review of the ICAR guidelines, take ownership and consolidate all the paragraphs where ID is stipulated into Section 10 that all other WG/SC/Members can reference. Guideline sections to consolidate include, but is not limited to, Sections 1.1.1 - 1.1.4, Section 9.1.1.2, Section 10, Section 15. We can ask Henry Richardson from the SC to circulate the latest draft.
4. Once the consolidated draft is ready we should circulate to selected representative members for comment/review/feedback eg USA, UK, FRA, IRL etc
5. Subject to edits in step 3. above we can then recommend a final Draft Guidelines for ID to General Assembly for approval and adoption.

Some points worth noting;

1. Its important from the outset we look at this as not as 'inquisition' but a collaborative effort to come up with a solution that is workable for all. In doing that the emphasis should be how we move forward from where we are now, rather than how we got to here.
2. On any proposed guideline/solution(s) we need to be clear in our communication to our members.

I propose we discuss these proposed steps in a conference call to agree the way forward. I will send a doodle to agree a date/time for this call. All input welcome in the meantime.

Thanks,
Martin