



ICAR Sub-Committee for Animal Identification

Teleconference-

21 March 2017, 15.00 CET

- Minutes -

Attendance:

Sub-Committee Members:

Martin Burke
Kaivo Ilves
Jay Mattison
Folkert Onken
Jo Quigley
Andie Dimitriadou (Secretary)

Invitees:

Susanne Gäckler (DLG)
Robert Davies (SAIT)
Jonas Persson (RYK) – Acting Chair

Apologies:

Erik Rehben
Aude Didier (CETIM)
Lilian Hennecon (CETIM)
Pieter Hogewerf (IMA)

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The meeting started at 15.00 CET. Jonas welcomed the participants, and Andie Dimitriadou of the ICAR Secretariat was appointed as rapporteur.

2. Agenda review/approval

Jonas presented the agenda. The sub-item 'RFID Re-certification/Validation and performance test' (under item 15. Miscellaneous) was removed and will be discussed offline between the ICAR Secretariat and the laboratories. The agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the Sub-Committee meeting of 8-9 February 2017

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee's meeting held in Rome on 8-9 February 2017 were unanimously approved.

4. New Members drive/recruitment

- Jay (Mexico, USA, Canada): Jay met with animal ID/health regulatory authorities in three provinces of Mexico and will have a new call with them in early April. He is also in contact with Neil Hammersmith.
- Martin/Andie (Latin America): Nothing to report.
- Erik (Southern Europe, Africa)
- Folkert/Kaivo (rest of Europe): They will send after the teleconference a list with candidate members.
- Susanne/Jonas (ISO WG3): Jonas went through the list of the ISO Sub-Committee 19/WG3 members. The Canadian Paul Laronde could be a candidate member. The Spanish Alfred Rinaldi, consultant of



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- FEAGAS, was also mentioned. It was agreed to wait for the meeting in April for discussion with the WG3 members.

Martin noted that the Sub-Committee members must be nominated and recognized by the ICAR members.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to list ICAR members by geographic areas and share with the groups.

Action: Jonas and Susanne to talk to the WG3 people in the April meeting and ask for suggestions.

5. ID Sub-Committee Chair recruitment update

Nothing to report.

Action: Martin to follow up.

6. Additional Technologies Group

Need to wait for the next ISO WG3 meeting in April. Martin asked Jonas and Susanne to represent ICAR.

Action: Jonas and Susanne to represent ICAR in the meeting and report back.

7. ID Anomalies Interbull TF/Group - International ID for Genetic Evaluations

Need to follow up on the actions identified at the ID Sub-Committee meeting of 8-9 February 2017 in Rome, as follows:

Action: Jay, Folkert, and Jo to look for inputs from North America regarding international animal ID codes.

Action: Erik and Jonas to identify if there are inconsistencies in the document.

Action: Erik to provide feedback about how to handle the connection with the Animal data Exchange.

8. Device Change Notification

Susanne shared a list of proposed criteria for the applicability of DCN vs full test. Pending the proposals of the other laboratories.

Action: Jonas and Aude to provide proposed criteria for the applicability of the DCN.

9. Guidelines 10.7/10.8 final version

Andie made the modifications decided at the Sub-Committee meeting of 8-9 February 2017 in Rome. There are a few pending issues that will be discussed offline.

Action: Andie to insert all the modifications in the document of Section 10 and share with the Sub-Committee for final comments before Edinburgh.

10. Ring test SOP

The SOP has been completed by the laboratories. Andie has put it in the ICAR template and saved on the Bitrix24 platform together with the rest of ICAR's SOPs. Kaivo noted that according to the SOP the laboratories must report to the Chair of the Sub-Committee, while they should report to the ICAR Secretariat. There was discussion about who should receive the results, either the Chair, the ICAR Secretariat or both. The SOP should state who receives the results and what is done with them



afterwards - analysis and summary of the data. The Secretariat does not have such capacity. Susanne suggested to add in the SOP the mailbox where to send the results.

Action: Andie to include the issue in the agenda for Edinburgh.

11. Ear tag applicator closing force

The laboratories need to perform tests in dry and wet conditions. Susanne noted that according to the manufacturers the results can be very different in the two conditions. Most problems are reported with high humidity and cold temperatures. It would be useful to have a material alternative to fresh animal ears for the tests.

Action: Laboratories to perform tests, discuss with manufacturers, and come back with a proposal.

12. Changes to coil technology by manufacturers

Susanne reported that some manufacturers use different coils for the same ear tag in order to ensure that they can always meet the delivery demands. But such information is not shared with the ICAR Secretariat and therefore no test is done. It could occur during a test that the laboratory notices that there are probably different technologies in the same batch of samples, but it is very difficult to demonstrate. The test application form does not include a field for the definition of the coil technology. Kaivo and Robert commented that there is an ISO standard (ISO 24631-1) that covers this issue.

Action: Laboratories to inform the ICAR Secretariat in case of suspicion that different technologies are used in the samples of a test.

Action: Laboratories to provide the wording to add in the application form regarding the coil technology.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to send back to the manufacturers the application forms that are not completely filled in.

13. ISO WG3 update & meeting in April 2017

Nothing to report.

Action: Martin to ask Pieter to attend the next Sub-Committee meetings.

14. ICAR meeting in Edinburgh June 2017

There will be a Sub-Committee meeting on Tuesday 13th June in the morning, and a meeting with manufacturers in the afternoon. The Secretariat sent invitations to the manufacturers and two have confirmed their participation to date. Folkert suggested to invite the candidate Sub-Committee members (see Item 4) as observers at the meeting, as well as some CoQ Auditors who are active in the field of ID and who will be in Edinburgh for their training.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to prepare draft agendas for both meetings and share with the Sub-Committee for comments.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to invite candidate Sub-Committee members and CoQ Auditors as observers to the Sub-Committee meeting.



15. Miscellaneous

a. Case of problems with ear tags reported by Georgian CA

A FAO representative followed up on the issue, informing the Secretariat about the intention of the Georgian Competent Authority to do the Field Validation tests and asking for details. In the meantime, the ICAR Secretariat sent letters to Kupsan and Ilkim about the issue.

b. Testing of RFID transceivers

Tests on transceivers have been performed to date only by IMA. There are transceivers on the market that have not been tested.

Action: Andie to include the issue in the agenda for Edinburgh.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to remove the IMA-Wageningen logo from the pictures of certified transceivers on the ICAR website.

16. Any other business

Andie mentioned that the Secretariat is exploring the possibility of organizing webinars on topics of interest, e.g. the Field Validation service for the Competent Authorities, and the national vs ICAR manufacturer codes for manufacturers.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to investigate further.

17. Next meeting

A teleconference will be held around mid-May 2017.

Action: Andie to set up Doodle for a teleconference in week 20, 15-19 May, at 2.00 pm Rome time.

Action: Folkert to chair May's teleconference.

18. Meeting closure

The meeting was closed at 16.35 with thanks to all participants.