



**RECAP of the MINUTES of the Board of:
International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR),
26th and 27th October 2023
Held in person in Utrecht, The Netherlands**

The ICAR Board met on the 26th and 27th of October 2023 in Utrecht, The Netherlands, with Daniel Lefebvre presiding as the Chairman. The meeting involved discussions on various topics, and key action points were established. Here is a summary of the minutes:

Day 01 | Thursday, 26th October 2023:

A. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda:

- The meeting commenced with expressions of gratitude for participation. The agenda was approved. The minutes from the previous meeting on September 26th, 2023, were also approved.
- The Chief Executive provided a report.

B. Sub Committee | Working Groups:

- Interbeef Chair and Working Group: Discussions centered around the plans for Interbeef. Three board members were appointed to prepare Terms of Reference (ToR) and strategy plan for Interbeef.
- ToR and policy: SC and WG: The importance of reviewing the Terms of Reference was stressed.
- Interbull agreement: A letter to renegotiate the Interbull agreement was discussed, and a group of Board members was formed to discuss the future of Interbull.
- Global Methane Hub: Collaboration with the Global Methane Hub (GMH) was discussed.

C. Projects and Services Update – Part 01:

- Guidelines – Wiki expansion: Progress on converting ICAR guidelines into a digital Wiki format was discussed. The aim is to make guidelines more dynamic and responsive to member feedback.
- AMS Summit: Challenges related to developing a certification process for data collected from Automatic Milking Systems (AMS) were discussed.
- Accreditation: ICAR's pursuit of accreditation to establish credibility was addressed.
- CoQ: Silvia has taken over Andie's role for the Certificate of Quality (CoQ)
- Update on Patent: ICAR in contact with EFFAB; further information to be shared before end of November 2023.
- Update on ISO: A brief explanation was given about the process to finalize the renewal of the contract.

D. Projects and Services Update – Part 02:

- Trademark: Recommendations regarding the use of the term "INTERBULL CENTER" were discussed.
- Breakdown Services: A report on analyzing ICAR's membership growth and engagement was presented.
- Membership New Category and Dynamic: The need to expand and harmonize ICAR's membership base was recommended.
- Website: A website redesign was discussed for improved operations and repositioning ICAR value proposition.
- Exact Online: Transitioning to Exact Online for accounting and CRM needs were emphasized.

E. Business Plan 2024 and Finance Update:

Business Plan 2024: The discussion focused on reevaluating the membership program, partnerships, and sponsorships.

Q3 FY2023 Results and Year End Projection 2023: A report on financial results and the year-end projection for 2023 was presented.



Revised Budget 2024: The need for clearer forecast of services to support and measure business and membership growth was discussed.

F. Review ICAR Board Meeting Calendar 2023 | 2024:

- The meeting calendar for 2023 and 2024 was reviewed.

Day 02 | Friday, 27th October 2023:

A. ICAR Branding and Conferences:

- ICAR 2024 Bled – Interbull/ICAR: Potential speakers and topics for ICAR Slovenia 2024 were discussed.
- ICAR 2025: The idea of partnering with other organizations for the 2025 conference was considered. ICAR 2025 was confirmed to be held in India (Delhi).
- ICAR 2026: celebration of the ICAR 75th anniversary to be held in France (location to be discussed).
- ICAR to be re-connected with other International Organizations: Discussion on planning future ICAR events and collaborations with international organizations.

B. ICAR Board Members | In Camera Session:

An in-camera session was held.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

This summary provides an overview of the topics discussed during the meeting and the key points addressed in the minutes.