Report of the ICAR Interbeef Working Group

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To develop international genetic evaluation service for beef breeds and traits:

- To be provided through Interbull.
- Using phenotypes.
- Costs covered by users.

- Three year project from 1st June 2007
- Resources:
  - €380K/year to Interbull Centre funded by ICAR/Interbull and participating countries
  - One FTE provided by each of ICBF and INRA
  - Contributions by participating countries
- Co-ordinated by Interbeef Working Group:
  - Country Representatives:
    - France - Isabelle Boulesteix,
    - UK – Mike Coffey,
    - Ireland - Brian Wickham,
    - Nordic Countries - Anders Fogh
  - Interbull Subcommittee
    - Freddy Fikse
  - Beef Working Group
    - Clara Diaz

Research and Development Team
- Eric Venot, Thierry Pabiou, Valentina Palucci, Flavio Forabosco, Eildert Groeneveld

- Service Agreement and Fees.
- Rules for Participation - Roles and Responsibilities.
- Operating Procedures.
- Data Flows and Interfaces.
- Quality Control and Query Support.
- Methods and Models.