# Report of Goat Milk Recording Working Group

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## Meetings
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<td>(dates &amp; location here) 17. June, Niagara Falls, 16.00-18.00</td>
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## Participation
- Full +: Marija KLOPCIC, Andreas GEORGoudis, Klemen POTOCNIK
- Absence: Christina LIGDA

## Key Agenda Issues
1. To prepare “on line” database to fill in his own results for each country  
2. To promote information on goat milk recording practice  
3. To continue harmonize the milk recording method  
4. To include other characteristic, like litter size, management  
5. To include non milked goat breed for meat production  
6. To establish the standards for meat recording in goat breed?

## Important Decisions
We are discussing all topics.  
**1. On-line data collection** the Tables proposed on WG meeting 17. June was:  
1. Total number of population and recorded population by breed in country  
2. Recording methods  
3. Methods of lactation calculation and milk yield by breeds  
4. Recording of non-milkling traits  
5. Equipment for recording  
6. Type of production (organic, conventional) and type of milking (machine, by hand)  
7. Traits, which are included in breeding goals

## Conclusions
Increasing importance of simplification of milk recording was discussed and the great diversity in lactation calculation between the countries  
The development of optional recordings: milk composition and non-3. milking traits are important  
It is necessary closely cooperation with other ICAR WG  
We are proposed to include of meat traits (daily gain, classification by slaughtering or some other meat traits and preparing some draft guidelines for meat traits by meat goats  
Discussion was to include the fertility and health traits in data sets and some other traits (morphology, functional traits...)?  
To establish Inter-goat centre for EBW of bucks (for example Boer breed) was proposed?

## Cooperation and links to other WG/TF/SC
Collaboration with WG Milk recording on sheep and Working group on AI and other relevant technologies

## Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadline
1. To help secretariat on establish goat database for country/breed data on milk recording and milk quality  
2. To manage the database with restricted online data management

## Top 5 Issues for WG/TF/SC
1. Changes in the constitution of the working group - Renewal of the members of the group.  
2. Discussion about preparing “on line” database to fill in his own results for each countries  
3. Enhance members’ interest to the yearly enquiry  
4. Tackle the problem of some point of the guidelines  
5. To establish the standards for meat recording in goat breed?