# Report of Interbeef Working Group

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**Members left**  
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**Meetings**  
Next: June in Riga, Latvia-Tuesday 1^st^ June 2010

**Participation**  
Full +: All members participating.

**Key Agenda Issues**  
(as contained in Interbeef Strategic Plan developed during meetings in Barcelona)  
1. Extend time period & review Governance - see draft report to ICAR Board dated 10th Feb 2010.  
2. Resolve integration with national evaluations - progressed at Telford meeting - ideally all data is assembled at the Interbull Centre.  
3. Finalize and launch the service - transfer from INRA nearing completion.  
4. Extend range of traits - calving and carcass have been chosen.  
5. Extend to use data on cross bred animals - database to be extended to record breed composition.  
6. Support genomics research  
7. Funding - approach to DG Sanco being made for funding to Interbull Centre as reference laboratory

**Important Decisions**  
2. Business plan - to be considered further in Riga WG meeting.  
3. Funding - seeking development funding from EU.  
4. Recommendations from Scientific Advisory Committee - considered at Telford meeting and actions decided.

**Cooperation and links to other WG/TF/SC**  
1. Interbull Sub Committee provided by Interbull Centre and joint activities.

**Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadline**  
1. Extension of term - May 2010  
2. Review of Governance - Ma 2010

**Top 5 Issues for WG/TF/SC**  
1. Development of service for international evaluations of beef breeds and traits.  
2. Continue research on method development for international beef evaluations.  
3. Collaboration to facilitate use of genomic data in national and international beef evaluations.  