

## Report of Interbeef Working Group

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<b>Members left</b>	Isabelle Boulesteix, France	
<b>Meetings</b>	Last: January in Telford, UK- Monda 25`" January, 2010.	Next: June in Riga, Latvia-Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2010
<b>Participation</b>	Full +: All members participating.	
<b>Key Agenda Issues</b> (as contained in Interbeef Strategic Plan developed during meetings in Barcelona)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extend time period &amp; review Governance - see draft report to ICAR Board dated 10th Feb 2010.</li> <li>2. Resolve integration with national evaluations - progressed at Telford</li> <li>3. meeting - ideally all data is assembled at the Interbull Centre.</li> <li>4. Finalize and launch the service - transfer from INRA nearing completion.</li> <li>5. Extend range of traits - calving and carcass have been chosen.</li> <li>6. Extend to use data on cross bred animals - database to be extended to record breed composition.</li> <li>7. Support genomics research</li> <li>8. Funding - approach to DG Sanco being made for funding to Interbull Centre as reference laboratory</li> </ol>	
<b>Important Decisions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of governance &amp; integration with Beef WG - final report with recommendations attached for ICAR Board decision.</li> <li>2. Business plan -to be considered further in Riga WG meeting.</li> <li>3. Funding - seeking development funding from EU.</li> <li>4. Recommendations from Scientific Advisory Committee - considered at Telford meeting and actions decided.</li> </ol>	
<b>Cooperation and links to other WG/TF/SC</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interbull Sub Committee provided by Interbull Centre and joint activities.</li> </ol>	
<b>Issues to be handled b the Board &amp; Deadline</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extension of term - May 2010</li> <li>2. Review of Governance - Ma 2010.</li> </ol>	
<b>Top 5 Issues for WG/TF/SC</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of service for international evaluations of beef breeds and traits.</li> <li>2. Continue research on method development for international beef evaluations.</li> <li>3. Collaboration to facilitate use of genomic data in national and international beef evaluations.</li> <li>4. International survey of beef recording.</li> </ol>	