



Join ICAR Reference Laboratory Network and make it live !

ICAR laboratory network, as a living organisation, evolves and changes according to modification in its membership. Membership is determined by nominations made by national organisations which provides them with specific status within ICAR.

As requested to play a role in milk recording analytical quality in their country, laboratory members of ICAR network are expected to have particular competence that can be expressed in one or more of the missions hereafter listed and serve as eligibility criteria for nomination:

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| 1- National ring test organizer | 5- Information on analytical methods |
| 2- Reference Material supplier | 6- Evaluation of analytical methods/instruments |
| 3- Master laboratory for centralized calibration | 7- Research on analytical methods |
| 4- Teaching and training in laboratory techniques | 8- National regulatory control of DHI analyses |

In general, any laboratory commissioned to monitor routine testing laboratories is invited to join the network so as to contribute to design the two level (national and international) frame within which AQA and harmonisation is implemented. For specific situation where only few laboratories with no national co-ordination, individual routine laboratories may also join the network so as to benefit to a direct anchorage to the international level whereas, in well structured local situations, so-called reference laboratories can establish the junction between routine labs and the international level.

Becoming a member does not imply any specific membership fees as the whole project is part of a collective operation within ICAR. Nominations are only dependent on decisions of ICAR national organisations which decide on the opportunity to nominate laboratories with regard to needs of own quality assurance policy.

Practically, nominations, membership replacements or cancellations can be realised at any time by national committees/organisations through the nomination form appended. This is the same form to be applied if laboratory characteristics (i.e. national missions and expertise/competence) have evolved, requesting modifications in the network list.

So this is today the opportunity to provide you with the last update of the network member list ([here](#)) and to initiate preparation of the next update from your feedback.

To make it possible, you are kindly invited,

- In case you have already appointed a laboratory, to **check all the pieces of information** related to the reference laboratory(ies) already nominated and **inform us on modifications needed**,
- In case you have not done yet and wish to take part in the reference laboratory network, to designate the laboratory of your choice,

by filling in and returning the [form](#) here below.





ICAR REFERENCE LABORATORY NETWORK

- NOMINATION / CONFIRMATION FORM -

National Committee (name):

Country:

Address:

Phone:

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Fax:

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E-mail :

represented by : (Mr, Mrs)

Function :

hereby

1- nominates the laboratory here below as a member of ICAR Reference Laboratory Network, in particular for ICAR specific sub-network(s) for milk analysis of the animal species that follow(s) :

cow goat sheep

2- confirms the former member laboratory here below with the following updates/modifications (1)

Laboratory (name):	Country:
Address: (as complete as possible for mail and delivery)	Phone:
	Fax:
	E-mail :
Director: (Mr, Mrs)	
Technical Manager: (Mr, Mrs)	

Information on laboratory: Status: DHI - Private - Government - Other :
(cross out inappropriate mention(s))

Information on Quality Assurance Activities for :	Species dedicated networks			Other species	
	Cow	Goat	Sheep	Buffalo
National ring test organizer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reference Material supplier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Master laboratory for centralized calibration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training in laboratory techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information on analytical methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evaluation of analytical methods/instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research on analytical methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National regulatory control of DHI analyses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(1) tick in the appropriate square(s)

Date: 20....

Signature :

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