Report of the Working Group on

PERFORMANCE RECORDING
OF DAIRY SHEEP

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Meetings of the WG:
- **29 May 2012 in Cork** (9 participants)
- **20 May 2014 in Berlin** (20 participants)
- Joint meeting with goats group: very successful

Stops his ICAR activity
Yearly enquiry on-line

**Green**: ICAR countries having submitted data to the database in 2010-2011

**Red**: ICAR countries

- Booklet with raw data
- Biennial report (tables and figures) for the years 2012-2013 available on the web

11 submissions in 2012-2013 (decreasing !)

Remind regularly the countries

39th ICAR Session, Berlin, Germany, 2014
What did milk recording in sheep represent in 2013?

- 1,198,000 ewes in official milk recording (✓) + 536,000 in D recording (France only)

- Italy, Spain, France: 89%

Number of ewes in official milk recording in 2013
New version of the guidelines approved in Berlin

⇒ Include udder morphology as an optional recording

Purpose: to be informative (and not normative) = general principle, different traits that could be scored, examples of scoring tables

⇒ Quality assurance for AC method

Propose procedure for checking when deviant situations

⇒ Harmonize, update, clarify

ICAR stamp → Certificate of Quality
Remove the word rules

⇒ Linguistic reviewing
Session S2 dairy sheep and goats

⇒ Berlin, Friday 23 May

⇒ 9 presentations
  From 7 countries
  5 dairy sheep
  3 goats
  1 sheep and goats

⇒ Large range of issues
  From milk recording to genomic evaluation,
  through health projects and breeding programs

Good participation

Thanks to the German organization to have permitted to add this session in the program!
New issue to be addressed

- Use of on-farm electronic milk meters:

How to use data from electronic milk meters?

Are there (or not) limitations of their use according to the configuration of milking installation?

Share experience between countries

Sampling: which feasibility in small ruminants milking routines?

Cooperation with the SC recording devices