



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	12.05.2014	
SC/WG/TF/ name	Animal Identification	
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Members left		
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last:</u> Rome, February 2014 (Skype conference, April 2014)	<u>Next:</u> Berlin, May 2014
Participation	Full +: Kaivo Ilves (member), Ken Evers (member) Jay Mattison (member) Erik Rehben (member) Henry Richardson (member) Folkert Onken (member) Juhani Maki-Hokkonen (Secretariat) Ole Klejs Hansen (invited expert) Susanne Gäckler (invited expert)	Absence: Pieter Hogewerf (invited expert) Lilian Hennecon (invited expert)
Key Agenda Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revision of ICAR Guidelines 2. Set up the system for manufacturers supervision (audits, field sampling) 	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft of updated Section 10 is ready. 2. To not implement the system for manufacturers supervision 	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	ISO TC23/SC19/WG3	
Issues to be handled	non	

by the Board & Deadlines	
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of new test procedures • Revise and re-issue the Synopsis of ICAR Guidelines on Animal Identification published last in 2010
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	<p>„Improve the visibility of ICAR brand.“ – ICAR approval for ID devices is well known in animal identification business. The aim is to improve the image of ICAR brand</p> <p>„Improve international communication.“ – international communication (ISO, manufacturers, competent authorities) is part of the everyday work</p> <p>„Expands standards and guidelines to meet new technological developments“ and „Develop, update and maintain relevant technical guidelines and standards“ is SC for AI is working on.</p>
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	-
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	10 500 € for pilot test for mechanical tests for RFID devices. The pilot test is done and results are analysed for the new test protocol.
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	-



ICAR WGs, TFs and SCs Report

Date of report	May 2014
SC/WG/TF/ name	Interbull
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Members left	Bevin Harris, NZL and Juraj Candrak, Slovakia	
Meeting(s) since June 2012	<u>Last meetings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conf. call, Dec, 9 2013 • Conf. call, Feb, 4 2014 	<u>Next meetings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berlin, Germany, May 19 and 21, 2014
Participation	Full +: all members attended	
Key Agenda Issues	<p>December 9, 2013</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changes at the Interbull Centre 2. SLU overhead/financial support to the Interbull Centre 3. Issues for discussion and decision: 4. Service fee update & 2014 budgets 5. Jan+Apr 2014 runs calendar 6. Modification of the publication policy proposal 7. Adoption of the new service contract 8. Update of the Interbull Terms of Reference 9. New SAC member 10. SLU/ICAR service agreement 11. Executive summary of the strategic plan 12. Genoex proposal: expert group comments <p>February 4, 2014</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ITC recommendations for GMACE 2. Methodology to be adopted in the Feb 2014 GMACE test run 3. Proposal to address bull ownership in GMACE 4. Official adoption of GMACE 5. Recruitments at the Interbull Centre 6. Genoex proposal: next steps 7. Program for Berlin 	
Important Decisions made since May 2013	<p>Executive summaries of the Interbull SC main decisions have published and are available at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. SC Executive Summary – December 2013 (https://wiki.interbull.org/public/ExSum2014_01?action=print) II. SC Executive Summary – September 2013 (https://wiki.interbull.org/public/2014_2_ExecSum?action=print) 	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Interbull Centre has been actively involved in EU legislation on breeding animals, given its status of European Union Reference Laboratory for Zootechnics • Active participation in parentage verification group of ICAR → transition of microsatellites to SNP data • Potential for hosting of a data repository for influential animals for parentage verification and detection <-> close interaction with world breeding federations necessary 	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion, if there is the possibility for ICAR to partly finance the aforementioned data repository for SNP data. Interbull centre has developed a project plan including business plan that is going to be presented in Berlin 	

Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	Key strategic issues from the strategic plan (Jan. 2013): 1. World class genomic infrastructure and services for diverse customer needs 2. State-of-the-art classical genetic evaluation services 3. Business operations and image 4. Strategic communications and marketing 5. Network for research collaboration, quality assurance and best practice methods
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	Active part in supporting ICAR as setting worldwide Standards for genetic evaluation
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The support in general is good

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ICAR Group Report

Date of report	4 May 2014					
SCWG/TFI name	Milk Analysis Sub-Committee					
Chair	Christian BAUMGARTNER (DE)					
Members <i>Name, organization, country and year joined, email contact</i>	NAME	First name	Organisation	Country	Year joined	E-mail
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	VAN DEN BIJGAART	Harrie	Qlip N.V.	The Netherlands	1992	bijgaart@qlip.nl
Members left						New members to complete the group still on hold;
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last:</u> 2 June 2013, IDF-ISO Analytical Week 2013, Rotterdam (NL)			<u>Next:</u> 18 May 2014, ICAR Biennial Session (together with IDF-ISO Analytical Week), Berlin (DE)		
Participation	Full +: [please, see minutes]			Absence [please, see minutes]		
Key Agenda Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Strategic plan for future work of MA SC 2- Review of MA SC activities, updating and adjustment 3- New setup of annual international PT programme for 2015 and the following years 4- Reference system approach for somatic cell counting and other purposes. 					
Important Decisions made since June 2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Rejection of the project to develop and implement an ICAR Analytical Quality Assurance Service (AQAS) by ICAR Board in November 2013; 2- Drafted new ICAR PT programme for cow milk was not implemented for 2014 because of need for further discussion; 3- Quality of sampling procedures should be discussed as priority issue, as more and more sophisticated analytical methods are used on DHI samples (as ELISAs e.g.); MA SC intends to facilitate the interdisciplinary discussion within ICAR groups; 					

Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers	1- Joint action with RD SC for the Afimilk Afilab evaluation issue in the follow up of the OMA guidelines approval (re WP OMA) as well as for an evaluation project together with Lattec (for ICAR approval of the HERD NAVIGATOR system). 2- Joint action with IDF/ISO : a) Continuous activity through participation as experts in IDF-ISO project groups (e.g. IDF-ISO Analytical Weeks in Tel Aviv 2012, Rotterdam 2013 and Berlin 2014) b) Joint IDF/ICAR project on an international reference system for somatic cell counting (RSSCC); in this frame cooperation with JRC/IRMM (in Geel, EU-Com) to produce an internationally recognized freeze-dried Reference Material for SCC. c) ICAR cooperation with IDF to organize jointly biennial session and Analytical Week 2014 in Berlin.
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	1- take notice of new topics coming up with a. carry-over effects at sampling procedures b. evaluation of complex management tools as Herd Navigator (lattec), including sampling and recording devices
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	1- decide about future of AQAS project after rejection by the Board and how to organize the ICAR ring trials as tailor-made service for ICAR labs 2- organize evaluation process for new testing devices (Afikim, lattec) 3- contribute to discussion about sample quality as sound basis for further expanded use of DHI samples (health checks, genetic properties a.o.) 4- help to implement the structure for a reference system for SCC and other parameters on a worldwide scale; offer services through AQAS to other stakeholders;
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	Analytical results derived from milk samples within the DHI system are a major source of services offered by ICAR as a non-profit organization. MA SC takes care about a high quality of analytical results and thus secures the high quality of ICAR services. Intensive networking with other stakeholders of the dairy community and analytical experts of other fields worldwide provides ICAR an anchorage within the global analytical community.
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	More assistance in organizational work (organizing meetings, preparing papers and drafts) could take some work load from the chair; but chair is aware of the limited capacities at the ICAR Secretariat as well.
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	None – there is hardly any motivation to propose any new activity requiring funding by ICAR after chair has experienced ICAR Board's management of such questions!

Christian Baumgartner – 05 May 2014

Recording Devices SC Report



Date of report	May 09 th 2014				
SC/WG/TF/ name	Recording Devices SC				
Chair	Martin Burke				
Members <i>Name, organization, country and year joined, email contact</i>	Martin	Burke	Irish Cattle Breed Federation	'07	Ireland
	Manfred	Hammel	Landeskontrollverband Brandenburg	'05	Germany
	Richard	Cantin	CanWest DHI	'12	Canada
	Pascal	Savary	Forschungsanstalt Agroscope Reckenholz-Tänikon ART	'09	Switzerland
	Clement	Allain	Institut de l'Elevage	'10	France
	Andrew	Fear	Livestock Improvement Corporation	10	New Zealand
	Steven	Sievert	Mgr QCS & Tech Dir National DHIA	'12	USA
Members left	Vladimir	Tancin	Výskumný ústav zivocísnej výroby, Research Institute of Animal Production	'08	Slovak Republic
	Vladimir has not attended nor participated in 2 yrs, We discussed it in Sept 13 and he is stepping away from SC. Chair recommended to Board in Nov that Peter Huisjmans from KOM NL as his replacement on SC, have acted on this and PH was invited to attend Berlin meeting Tue 20th May 2014.				
Meeting(s) since June 2013	Last: Test Centre meetings in August, had SC Follow up/Catch up Conf Call Sept 13			Next Face to Face is Berlin 2014	
Participation	Full +: All above bar apologists			Absence; Apologies from Valdimir Tancin & Pascal Savary & Andrew Fear	
Key Agenda Issues	Tests Review & Field feedback, AMS Universal sampler; Periodic Checking Routines & ICAR web page refresh; Carry Over, On farm In line Testing (eg Afilab)				
Important Decisions made since June 2013	Carry Over Project escalated Accuracy Task Force - Farm/In Line guidelines review – proposed a task force of ICAR experts Geneticists, MASC etc				
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other bodies	MASC Group (Christian Baumgartner, Harrie van Bigaart) input into Carry Over test protocol and Lattec meetings				
Issues to be handled by Board & Deadlines	Project funding as it arises				
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	1. Carry Over Project; 2. AMS universal sampler development, 3. Accuracy Task Force 4. Meter Approval webpage refresh (include application details e.g. hi line/low line, S/W rev etc)				
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	Testing & Approval of new or modified Recording Devices and accurate sampling of same, is central to the quality of data for both management and genetic evaluations.				
How can Secretariat give greater assistance to SC?	Support from Secretariat has been excellent, thanking my main contacts; Jussi, Elena & Cesare – will be working				

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	with Cesare on web in 2014
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget.	Carry Over Test Protocol Research - €4k. Universal sampler meetings – €3k – TBD. All will be subject to scrutiny and approval of the SC members before proposing spends



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	12 may 2014	
SC/WG/TFI name	Animal Data Exchange	
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Members left	Bucek Pavel, Czech Moravian Breeder's Corporation Inc, Czech Republic, bucek@cmsch.cz , 2010. Harding Suzanne, Holstein UK, United Kingdom, Suzanne@holstein-uk.org , 2006.	
Meeting(s) since June 2013	Last: Face to face: September 2013 February 2014 Conference call September 2013 October 2013 November 2013 December 2013 January 2014 February 2014 May 2014	Next: May 2014
Participation	Full +: apart oversea member	Absence
Key Agenda Issues	Going live the implementation of the standard by milk recording organisations and manufacturers.	
Important	Clarification of the organisation of the activity in three levels: the working group	

Decisions made since June 2013	<p>for general directions, a core coordination group to monitor and a technical group to address ICT issues.</p> <p>Participation of the milk recording organisation from Bavaria in the field trials.</p> <p>Implementation of a test plat form to facilitate software development.</p> <p>The compliance with UNCEFACT recommendations.</p> <p>The approval of the final version of the specifications.</p> <p>Starting the design of the organisation, of the procedures and the way to make possible the extension of the standard.</p>
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	<p>ICAR WG: recording device sub committee</p> <p>UNCEFACT (United Nations Center For Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business) about the re use of some elements of this standard.</p> <p>Manufacturers: Delaval, Lely, Fullwood and GEA</p>
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	<p>Long term objectives for the working group.</p> <p>Resources for the development of the activity in addition to free voluntary contribution from ICAR members.</p> <p>Type of relation to be establish with ISO and UNCEFACT.</p>
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<p>If the commitment of milk recording organisations to implement the standard is progressing well, that of manufacturers is much more fragile.</p> <p>For the long term, the amount of work required for the development and the maintenance of the standard is not compatible with free voluntary contribution.</p> <p>New organisation, new procedures and other resources should be found before the end of 2014 to make possible the extension of the standard to more milk recording organisations, more manufacturers and more data should be designed by the end of 2014.</p> <p>The definition of long term objectives (3/5 years) which is necessary to encourage milk recording organisations and manufacturers to invest to implement the standard requires to address several complex issue: scope of the standard, (only for equipment and breeding purpose), relation with official standardisation body (UNCEFACT...), benefit from using a standard...</p>
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	<p>Contribute to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Link with the SC for recording devices 2. Adress practical problems for data transfer 3. Establish models for data validation 4. Facilitate interfaces with milkmeters
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	<p>The secretariat provides the WG with a valuable support when it is required.</p>
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	<p>5 600 € for the operator of the test plat form.</p>
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	



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Date of report	24 April 2014	
SC/WG/TFI name	Animal Fibre WG (AFWG)	
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Members left		
Meeting(s) since June 2013	Last: Last: Informal meeting held in Hohhot Inner Mongolia – China on 20 – 21 May 2013	Next:
Participation	Full +: prof. Wenguang ZHANG prof. Yujie LOU	Absence
Key Agenda Issues	Definition of new Guidelines for the cashmere production.	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	<p>The specific subgroup in cashmere production has been defined as: Hugh Galbraith; Claudio Tonin; Lou Yuijie; Wenguang ZHANG; Marco Antonini.</p> <p>The subgroup defined two new guidelines on cashmere production: Guidelines for cashmere combing management, fibre harvesting and grading and ICAR rules, standards and guidelines on methods of cashmere goat identification.</p> <p>Dr. Zheng Wen Xin from Xinjiang Academy of Animal Science has been involved in the work as Chinese expert on cashmere production.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Zheng will be proposed as new member in the ICAR AFWG</p>	

Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	At the moment no cooperation and links have been activated.
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	Approval of the new guidelines on cashmere production.
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - define the guide of the objective parameters to differentiate Suri and Huacaya fibre; - produce the guideline on objectives and criteria of Alpaca selection. - Application of the new guideline for cashmere goat fibre production worldwide. - Involvement of international bodies for animal fibre analysis and certification.
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	<p>The AFWG needs any help in order to organize an information strategy able to spread worldwide their Guidelines.</p> <p>Regarding cashmere guideline application Secretariat should help WG to organize a network of International Labs for the fibre analysis service, at level of Cashmere goat Genetic Improving Station and at the future Regional Collection Centre for Cashmere fleeces .</p>
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	16.05.2014	
SC/WG/TF/ name	Animal Welfare Recording WG	
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Members left	No	
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last:</u> 24 th March 2014 (phone conference)	<u>Next:</u> 19 th may 2014 in Berlin
Participation	Full +: all WG members + Christa EGGER-DANNER, chairperson of Functional Traits WG	Absence : no
Key Agenda Issues	Analyse of the Terms of reference of the AWR WG of ICAR ; first goals and methods First draft of the cross analysis between : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the general principles of OIE(terrestrial code, chapter 7), on one side, ○ and the practices of the recording organisations based on ICAR guidelines on the other. 	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	<p>the first step of the job will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the level of consistency between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One the one side, the recommendations and standards from international bodies and regulations from international authorities about good practices for animal welfare in the breeding and husbandry of farm animals ○ On the other, the practices of the recording organisations, based on the ICAR Guidelines. • To complet and adapt the ICAR Guidelines for a better consistency. The first work of the AWR WG is a cross analysis between the general principles of OIE, and its criteria, on the one side, and the practices of the recording organisations based on ICAR guidelines, on the other. <p>This cross-analysis will be done through 3 lines :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The description of animal traits • The process of recording (are the process painful? How to reduce the pain provided by the process of recording) • The training of the operators. 	

Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAR functional traits WG (C. Egger-Danner, chairperson of FT WG is associated to this cross analyse) • IDF wishes to be informed on this work. So, IDF sends 2 observers to the working meeting on 19th may in Berlin (Joerg Seifert and Olav Osteras) • Futhermore, some WG members are also members of “IDF Standing Committee on Animal Health and Welfare » or « ISO/TC34/WG16 ».
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	The global report of the above mentioned cross analysis, with proposals to adapt and complete ICAR Guidelines; (end of 2014).
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a poster presentation at the next «International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level », in September, at Clermont-Ferrand – France, (WAFL 2014). • Furthermore, a more detailed report will be established, for the use by the other WG concerned by some traits in link with animal welfare.
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	The global analysis of the environment, basis of the ICAR strategy, underlines the social impact of animal welfare requirements on the future of producers activities. The consideration of new traits as animal welfare is included in the strategic plan of ICAR
In the chair’s opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	A restricted area on the web for sharing the documents of the WG
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	No
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	No for the moment



ICAR Sub-Committee or Working Group Report

Date of report	April 25, 2014	
SC/WG/TFI name	Artificial Insemination and Other Relevant Technologies	
Chair	Gordon A. Doak, NAAB, USA, 1998, gdoak@naab-css.org	
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Members left	Laurent Journaux, UNCEIA, France	
Meeting(s) since June 2011	<p><u>Last:</u></p> <p>Plenary session: June 2011 Bourg en Bresse, 2 days</p> <p>May 2012: informal exchange with ICAR secretary and Gordon Doak about management of semen collection center identification for ICAR recommendation for straw identification with barcode.</p> <p>March 2013: Doak met with ICAR Executive Committee regarding semen collection center identification. A Letter of Agreement is expected shortly.</p> <p>April 14, 2014: NAAB and ICAR signed an Agreement for the Maintenance of NAAB-ICAR AI stud codes.</p>	<p><u>Next:</u></p> <p>May 20, 2014: ICAR/IB meetings Berlin</p>
Participation	<p>Full +:</p> <p>June 2011 Bourg en Bresse: Member or representative of a member of the working group</p> <p>Ulrich Jaovitsch (ADR-Germany), Fritz Schmitz-Hsu (Swissgenetics-Switzerland), Jan-Ake Erickson (Sweden), Jan Venneman (CRV-Netherlands for Alfred De Vries)</p> <p>Invited</p> <p>Rosa Maria Bono (Universidad de Chile), Hans-Werner Gabriel (VIT-Germany), Patrice Gordon (IMV-France), Alfredo Martin (MARM-Spain), Borbert Wirtz (ADR-Germany)</p>	<p>Absence</p> <p>June 2011 Bourg en Bresse</p> <p>Gordon Doak, NAAB-USA Dario Pasetti, ANAFI-Italy Alfred De Vries, CRV-Netherlands</p>

Key Agenda Issues	Finalizing ICAR-NAAB relationship on identifying semen collection centers Rewriting terms of reference Use of barcoding on straws in different countries
Important Decisions made since June 2011	Validation of agreement with NAAB to use the stud code/marketing code as the reference SCC code on barcode of straws
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	Cooperation with IETS, AETA, EFFAB, RepVet, COPA COGECA
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	Agreement with NAAB on stud code/marketing code assignment and data base management
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	Update existing recommendations Offer on website to SCC a page to give a description of their straw identification (Laurent presented a proposal to Cesare Mosconi but has not had any feedback) Monitor new developments in straw labelling and/or automatic reading systems
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	New data management Facilitate exchanges and traceability Link with estimation of breeding values and fertility
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	Develop web pages to describe straw labelling in different countries
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	Web application development



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	17 May 2013	
SC/WG/TF/ name	Conformation	
Chair	Gerben de Jong CRV	Netherlands Gerben.de.Jong@crv4all.com
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Members left	0	
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last:</u>	<u>Next:</u> not planned yet
Participation	Full +:	Absence
Key Agenda Issues		
Important Decisions made since June 2013	<p>Organize a meeting with 6 beef breed organisations to set up a recommendation on classification of conformation for beef breed. Names of people to invite are known.</p> <p>The 6 beef breed organisations received a report on the survey and a meeting was planned twice, but both times not enough people were available. Now the next schedule is to plan a meeting in September to start with documentation on beef breeds. When a draft has been made together with the beef breed people, this document will be discussed by the WG for finetuning.</p>	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	no	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	The group would like to receive info on contact persons of the world federations of jersey, bsw and other dairy breed. This to check if the recomendations of ICAR suit them or if we as a working group should make adjustments.	
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organize a meeting with beef organisation to set up ICAR recommendations on beef conformation traits - Start a survey among goat organisations on conformation scoring. 	
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?		
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?		
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.		



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	30/4/14																																																			
SC/WG/TF/ name	WG Dairy cattle milk recording																																																			
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Meeting(s) since June 2013	15 October 2013 and 16 January 2014	Next: May 2014 (Berlin)																																																		
Participation	Full: 9	Absence: 1																																																		
Key Agenda Issues	Preparing a first draft for ICAR guidelines on dairy cattle milk recording.																																																			
Important Decisions made since June 2013	To organise a tech. meeting in Berlin to get more input on recent developments and the challenges for the ICAR guide lines on recording. It is also an opportunity to make the WG more visible to the ICAR community																																																			
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	Not at this stage. When preparing the draft we will enter other fields and have to cooperate																																																			
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	Not at this stage																																																			
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of the draft - Have a tech. meeting in Berlin - How to incorporate AMS/ automatic milk samplers and in line systems in the guidelines: where to start ... 																																																			
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	Completely. Update of guidelines is ICAR core.																																																			
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	We got many help of Cesare.																																																			
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	Not at this state																																																			



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	15/05/2014	
SC/WG/TF/ name	Working Group for Developing Countries	
Chair	Badi Besbes	
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Members left		
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last:</u> four Skype meetings	<u>Next:</u> not fixed
Participation	Most of the members	Absence:
Key Agenda Issues	Information about ICAR board meetings and decisions; preparation of the South Africa Symposium; Analysis of the Monkey Survey data on the Status of Animal identification and Recording in Developing Countries.	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	Organization of the symposium on animal identification, traceability and performance recording in Africa, in March 2015, in South Africa	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	Under preparation – within the framework of the organisation of the South Africa symposium.	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	Proposal to organise the board meeting back-to- back with the South Africa Symposium	
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Organize the symposium on animal identification, traceability and performance recording in Africa, in March 2015, South Africa. Analyze the data of the Monkey Survey on the status of animal identification, traceability and performance recording in DC, and publish the results; Produce a synthetic document with simplified modalities for Dairy production recording (section 2 of ICAR guidelines) Write short communications on identification and recording in the respective regions of the WG members, for publication in the the 	

	<p>proceedings of Biennial Sessions</p> <p>e. Work towards forming a regional network and promote ICAR activities in the respective region of WG members.</p>
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	This WG promotes the development of animal identification and recording, including traceability in low-medium input systems in developing countries as a livestock development tool. The workshops organized with the support of FAO contribute to raise awareness of key stakeholders. Some of them are potential future members of ICAR.
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	Financial support of the Secretariat to allow the participation of some members of the WG to the African symposium will be very appreciated.
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	<p>Organization of a symposium on animal identification, traceability and performance recording in eastern and southern Africa by end of 2014.</p> <p>Objective: promote the development of Animal Identification and Recording Systems in Africa</p>



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	7.5.2013	
SC/WG/TF/ name	Working group on Functional Traits	
Chair	Christa Egger-Danner, ZuchtData EDV-Dienstleistungen GmbH, Vienna, Austria; egger-danner@zuchtdata.at	
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Members left	0	
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last</u> : EAAP-Nantes, 2013	<u>Next</u> : ICAR, Berlin 2014
Participation	Full +: 6 out of 8	Absence: 2
Key Agenda Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisational issues of the ICAR FTWG (TOR - link WGFT and the newly established ICAR WG on Welfare Recording) 2. Follow up of ICAR Health Data Conference – Proceedings 3. Fertility Guidelines 4. Feet and legs – how to go on? 5. Upcoming meetings – ICAR Berlin, WCGALP Vancouver 	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAR WGFT is responsible for dairy, but not for beef cattle. (possible comments on similarities in beef cattle, but clear focus on dairy cattle) • Proceedings of ICAR Health Data Conference 2013 are published (ICAR Technical Series No.17) • Follow-up of ICAR Health Data Conference 2013 within a session at the next ICAR meeting would be valuable – is considered by ICAR 2014 • Start of working on the topic feet and legs problems 	

<p>Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact established with IDF concerning cooperation within health issues (first meeting in Berlin on the 20th of May, 2014) • Contacts established to the ICAR WG on Welfare Recording (online conference held; joint contribution for WAFL 2014 prepared and accepted) • Representative from WG on Conformation invited to WGFT meeting with hoof trimming experts at the ICAR 2014 conference
<p>Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines</p>	<p>Approval of fertility guidelines: A proposal for approval of the new fertility guidelines was distributed by ICAR-secretariat.</p> <p>Visibility of guidelines: Presently it is difficult to find the ICAR guidelines, especially for external organisations. As the nomenclature is not consistent it is difficult to find the relevant information just from the table of content. It would be valuable if chapters could be kept separately.</p> <p>Update of guidelines: It is important that the guidelines are updated regularly. It is the aim that there is one person responsible per guideline. If the members of the group have knowledge about new developments and information relevant for the guidelines, it should be updated always before the annual ICAR meeting that the update can be approved at the ICAR meeting.</p>
<p>Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF</p>	<p>Update udder health guidelines (Cole)</p> <p>Publication of ICAR survey on functional traits (Stock)</p> <p>Feet and legs problems (Andrews; meeting with hoof trimming experts arranged in Berlin on 20th of May 2014)</p> <p>Review article for Animal about presentation of ICAR WGFT at joint session of EAAP/Interbull on "Overview of new traits and phenotyping strategies in dairy cattle with a focus on functional traits" (Egger-Danner; submitted)</p>
<p>How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?</p>	
<p>In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?</p>	<p>Is perfect.</p>
<p>Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.</p>	



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	13 May 2014	
SC/WG/TF/ name	Genetic Analysis	
Chair	Wim van Haeringen	
Members <i>Name, organization, country and year joined, email contact</i>	Marco Winters, TBA Romy Morrin-O'Donnell, Weatherbys, Ireland. Kevin Lang, QuantumGenetix, Canada. Raffaella Mazza, Associazione Italiana Allevatori, Italy. Bianca Lind, TBA Brian Wickham, Agendamember	
Members left		
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last:</u> TC, 4 November 2013	<u>Next:</u> ICAR, Berlin
Participation	Full +:	Absence
Key Agenda Issues	QA/QC of DNA genotyping laboratories. Based on questionnaires and results of ring tests.	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	Responsibilities have been defined between the Parentage Working Group, chaired by Suzanne Harding, and the DNA working Group.	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	Strong interaction with the Parentage Working Group, chaired by Suzanne Harding. Regular interaction with the ISAG Cattle Committee.	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	Strategy discussion with ISAG Board	
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	Maintain guidelines for DNA genotyping, aimed at parentage verification. Send out questionnaire for labs to be accredited. Follow developments in the field of DNA typing.	
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	Basis for the interpretation of parentage verification.	
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	As is.	
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	None.	
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	None.	



Date of report	12 th May 2014	
WG/TF/SC name	Interbeef Working Group	
Chair	Brian Wickham, Ireland	
Members <i>Name, organization, country and year joined, email contact</i>	<p>Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interbull Centre – Joao Durr (Joao.Durr@hgen.slu.se) • Spain – Clara Diaz (cdiaz@inia.es) • France – Laurent Griffon (Laurent.Griffon@inst-elevage.asso.fr) • UK – Mike Coffey (mike.coffey@sac.ac.uk) • Nordic Countries – Anders Fogh (ADF@landscentret.dk) • Ireland – Brian Wickham (brian@consultwickham.com) • Italy - Mauro Fioretti (fioretti.m@aia.it) • Czech Republic – Pavel Bucek (bucek@cmsch.cz) • Germany – Friedrich Reinhardt (friedrich.reinhardt@vit.de) • South Africa – Japie Van der Westhuizen (japie@studbook.co.za) <p>Scientific Advisory Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roel Veerkamp – Wageningen (Roel.Veerkamp@wur.nl) • Dorian Garrick – Iowa State University (dorian@iastate.edu) 	
Members left		
Meetings	<u>Last: Working Group:</u> November 2013 in Prague. Technical Workshop: in Uppsala – April 2014.	<u>Next:</u> Technical Committee and Working Group in Berlin in 2014.
Participation	Full +: All members and representatives of Service Users participating in person or by Webex/Powownow.	
Key Agenda Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work plan for development and provision of international genetic evaluation services to Service Users. 2. Expansion of services to new Service Users, new Breeds and new Traits sets. 	
Important Decisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fee Structure established. Logo protection in place. 2. Research on Calving Traits started by Czech Moravian Cattle Breeders. 3. First official evaluations – weight traits for Charolais and Limousin. 	
Cooperation and links to other WG/TF/SC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interbull Sub Committee provided by Interbull Centre and joint activities. • Devices Sub Committee – review device for predicting chest girth. 	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None. 	
Top 5 Issues for WG/TF/SC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of services 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. 	



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	5 th May 2014	
SC/WG/TF/ name	Goat Performance Recording Working Group	
Chair	Zdravko Barač	
Members <i>Name, organization, country and year joined, email contact</i>	Joanne Conington , Scottish Agricultural College (UK), since 2012, Silverio Grande , Italian Breeders' Association (Italy), since 2012, Pierre van Rooyen , South African Stud Book and Livestock Improvement Association (South Africa), since 2012, Juan Manuel Serradilla Manrique , University of Cordoba (Spain), since 2012, Jean-Michel Astruc , INRA Toulouse, (France), since 2004 Drago Kompan , University of Ljubljana, (Slovenia), since 2004	
Members left		
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last:</u> None in given period.	<u>Next:</u> Berlin 2014
Participation	Full +:	Absence
Key Agenda Issues	Harmonization of the Guidelines for goat milk recording	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	Section 2.3. "ICAR rules, standards and guidelines for milk recording in goats" have been reviewed, and material containing suggested changes was distributed among WG members. These modifications should be discussed during the meeting of the WG in Berlin prior submitting to the Board of ICAR.	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	The group has active collaboration with WG Milk recording in sheep, with which shares similar issues. There will be common meeting of the workgroups "Goat Performance Recording Working Group" and "Performance recording of dairy sheep Working Group" in Berlin.	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	The Board has appointed new members to the WG goat milk, and the group is strong enough to continue with current issues and to discuss future goals during the forthcoming meetings.	
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	1. Harmonisation of the guidelines for milk recording 2. "On line" database on milk recording 3. Standards for meat recording in goats 4. Standards for non-milking traits in goats	
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	The interest for goat keeping and goat milk production is increasing. There is a need for widening of milk recording practices to the countries where this production is at its beginnings. Also, meat breeds recording is in use or planned to be in use soon in some member countries, which implies preparation of meat recording guidelines. The WG should continue with planned activities.	

In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	The Secretariat gives all necessary support for the activities of the WG.
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	Currently, activities of the WG do not require funding.
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	

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Date of report	22 April 2014	
SC/WG/TF/ name	Parentage Recording Working Group	
Chair	Suzanne Harding	
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Members left	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Meihak, Holstein Association, USA, 2012, DMeihak@holstein.com • David Hewitt, World Holstein Friesian Federation, 2010, whff@btinternet.com • Thorsten Senftleben, VIT, Germany, 2011, thorsten.senftleben@vit.de • Philippe GROSERRIN, France Génétique Elevage, France, 2012, philippe.groserrin@synergie-est.fr • Ilona Gunsser, Germany, 2010, ilona.gunsser@t-online.de 	
Meeting(s) since June 2013	Last: 27/11/13 – TELCON 28/02/14 – TELCON 15/04/14 - TELCON	Next: May meeting in Berlin
Participation	Full +: 27/11/13 - Linda Markle, George Wiggans and Suzanne Harding	Absence Too many to list

	28/02/14 - Charl Hunlun, George Wiggans, Marco Winters, Matthew McClure, and Suzanne Harding 15/04/14 - Linda Markle, George Wiggans, Hans Wilmink and Suzanne Harding	
Key Agenda Issues	27/11/13 – New guidelines on microsatellite reconstruction of parents 28/02/14 – new guidelines on Blood typing and visual inspection; discussion about group responsible for writing the definitions for the accreditation of organisations for parentage verification 15/04/14 – tweak to guidelines.	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	27/11/13 - Guidelines agreed and put forward to Council 28/02/14 – Guidelines held back and added to. 15/04/14 – Guidelines to be sent around ICAR organisations	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	Genetic Analysis WG INTERBULL WHFF Data Exchange WG ISAG	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access for organisations (?) to the 400 parentage SNPs – deadline asap 2. Industry database and exchange for the parentage SNPs 3. Members of the group who never participate - asap 	
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guidelines for an accreditation for applying the results of genotype identification. 2. Good practices guideline for natural service, liaising with AI WG 3. Guidelines as to acceptable level of errors in a population and what should be done about high occurrence of errors 4. Define the percentages of herds and animals that should be parentage checked 5. Define possible alternatives for optimal Parentage Recording. 6. Produce optimal parentage recording guidelines 7. Ensure that Parentage Recording is covered for all species 	
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	It should be a key part of the ICAR strategy. If an animal is incorrectly identified, it's data will be of no value, and at worst, data will be used incorrectly	
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	They already help me a lot. (Thank you!)	
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	None	
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	None	



ICAR Group Report

Date of report	7 May 2014	
SC/WG/TF/ name	WG Performance Recording of Dairy Sheep	
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Members left		
Meeting(s) since June 2013	<u>Last</u> : 29 May 2012, Cork, Ireland	<u>Next</u> : 20 May 2014, Berlin, Germany
Participation	Full +: Jean-Michel Astruc (member), Zdravko Barać (member), Francis Barillet (member), Antonello Carta (member), Alessia Tondo (member), Mauro Fioretti (ex-member), Marija Klopčič (representing D. Kompan), Sotero Salaris, Berte Asmussen	Absence : E. Gootwine, D. Kompan, F.-J. Romberg, E. Ugarte
Key Agenda Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New name of the WG and constitution of the WG 2. Main activities of the group over the last 2 years 3. Presentation of the results of the sheep enquiry on-line and discussion 4. Add milk quality in the enquiry 5. Add electronic milk meters in the enquiry 6. Guidelines: quality assurance for AC method 7. Guidelines: udder morphology 	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalize new guidelines, including quality assurance for AC method, udder morphology, different harmonization, linguistic reviewing 2. Relationship with the goats WG: organize a joint meeting of both WG in Berlin. 	

	<p>3. Organize a questionnaire on milk quality and on electronic milk meter</p> <p>4. Organize a session on dairy small ruminants in Berlin.</p>
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	<p>-SC Milk Recording devices</p> <p>-WG Milk Recording in Goats</p>
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	-Acknowledge the new guidelines (to be approved by GA).
Top 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<p>1. Encourage the group to participate more actively to the sessions.</p> <p>2. Enhance members' interest to the yearly enquiry</p> <p>3. Organize a session dedicated to small ruminants at every biennial session and maintain incentive to a good participation</p> <p>4. Update the guidelines when necessary</p> <p>5. Promote simplification of milk recording to increase its impact in dairy sheep population</p>
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	The WG is a <u>light but operational structure</u> . In this respect, the <u>cost for ICAR is quite low</u> . Nevertheless the WG tries to <u>keep some effectiveness</u> in terms of updating guidelines (adaptation to actual situation of recording, inclusion of new traits), organizing a yearly enquiry. Although the economic impact of dairy sheep is not so important compare to cattle, the sheep WG of ICAR actively participates to the <u>dairy sheep professional network</u> (ex. FABRE-TP).
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	<p>At the moment, no need of further assistance than the one proposed up to now :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -organisation of the WG meeting at each session -maintenance of the database of the yearly enquiry. -managing of the part of the ICAR website dedicated to the WG.
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	Linguistic reviewing of the guidelines (done in May 2014)