



## ICAR WGs, TFs and SCs Report

<b>Date of report</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	
<b>WG/TF/SC name</b>	Interbeef Working Group	
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<b>Members left</b>	None	
<b>Meetings</b>	<u>Last:</u> 10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2009 in Paris – informal meeting of WG with research team. Full meeting 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 at SLU, Sweden. Met on 29 <sup>th</sup> August at SLU.	<u>Next:</u> August in Barcelona – Friday August 21, 2009, from 8.00 to 12.00.
<b>Participation</b>	Full +: All members participating fully except Clara Diaz.	Absence: Clara Diaz from last
<b>Key Agenda Issues</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Data Collection &amp; Result Distribution</li> <li>2. Genetic Evaluation System</li> <li>3. Expansion</li> <li>4. Service Agreements &amp; Organisation</li> <li>5. Research</li> </ol>	
<b>Important Decisions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Genetic evaluation system – recent successful test run has proven concept.</li> <li>2. Expansion of pilot – which traits.</li> <li>3. Establishment of Scientific Advisory Committee.</li> <li>4. Service details.</li> </ol>	
<b>Cooperation and links to other WG/TF/SC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interbull Sub Committee provided by Interbull Centre and joint activities.</li> <li>• Beef Working Group provided by Clara Diaz and joint meetings.</li> </ul>	
<b>Issues to be handled by the Board &amp; Deadline</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist with planning of future activities at meeting in Barcelona.</li> </ol>	
<b>Top 5 Issues for WG/TF/SC</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of <b>service</b> for international evaluations of beef breeds and traits.</li> <li>2. Continue research on <b>method</b> development for international beef evaluations</li> </ol>	

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Brian Wickham, Chairperson