REPORT BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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SERVICING ICAR GOVERNING BODIES

- ICAR General Assembly – Verona, May 2007
- ICAR Board meetings - Verona, June 2007 & Rome, November 2007
- No meetings of ICAR Board with Sub-Committees, Task Forces or Working Groups.
- ICAR Executive Board meeting – Rome, March 2008
- Support by the Secretariat: Administrative work, ICAR website, Meetings organization, dissemination, etc.
- SERVICE-ICAR Sr: administrative support to Sub-Committees

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CHANGE OF OFFICIAL SEAT OF THE ASSOCIATION

• Practical and legal activities to move the seat of the Association to Rome has been arranged

• Procedure to be completed after the Extraordinary General Assembly in Niagara Falls

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

• ICAR accounting in good order, positive balance for 2007 and positive for the 2008 projection

• Majority of ICAR members have paid 2008 fees in the first weeks of the year

• Satisfactory financial position of the Association

• Additional support to Sub-Committees’ members for some selected activities

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SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:
- BENCHMARKING
  • First public evaluation of the service in Verona, June 2007.
  • First results: appreciation of service and critical comments.
  • Next round: planned for early 2009.

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SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:
- CERTIFICATE OF QUALITY
  • Approved in ICAR General Assembly of June 2006
  • ICAR Special Stamp to be phased out by July 2009
  • Few CoQ done in the first two years of activity
  • CoQ extended to Field Services, Animal Identification, Performance Recording, Laboratory Analysis and Genetic Evaluation

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SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:
- TAGGING OF ICAR-APPROVED MILK METERS
  • Tagging project started in 2007, operative since January 2008
  • Tagging obligatory for all milk recording devices
  • Most manufacturers ordered and received tags: over 100,000 tags distributed

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SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:
- PATENTING SENTINEL AND ACTION SERVICE (PSAS)
  • 1250 website average monthly visits
  • 21 participant organizations
  • Information on patenting legislation, patent applications, news, specific cases and more
  • ‘Ask PSAS’ section with questions answered by external advisor
  • Plan to improve the service

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DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

• Newsletter: New ICAR Newsletter published since January 2007, both paper and electronic (on ICAR website). Four issues published since January 2007

• Proceedings: Niagara proceedings to be published in ICAR Technical Series (expected December 2008)

• ICAR website: 95 000 visits since June 2007. Most visited pages: manufacturer codes, recording guidelines, approved milkimeters

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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ANIMAL RECORDING

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

• European Federation for Animal Science (EAAP)
• Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
• International Standard Organization (ISO)
• Office International des Epizooties (OIE)
• European Union (EU)
• Farm Animal Breeding and Reproduction – Technology Platform (FABRE-TP)
• World Association for Animal Production (WAAP)
• International Society for Animal Genetic (ISAG)

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Thank you for your attention.

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