

Genetic Analysis WG

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COMMUNICATION

- Electronic discussion
- Conference calls



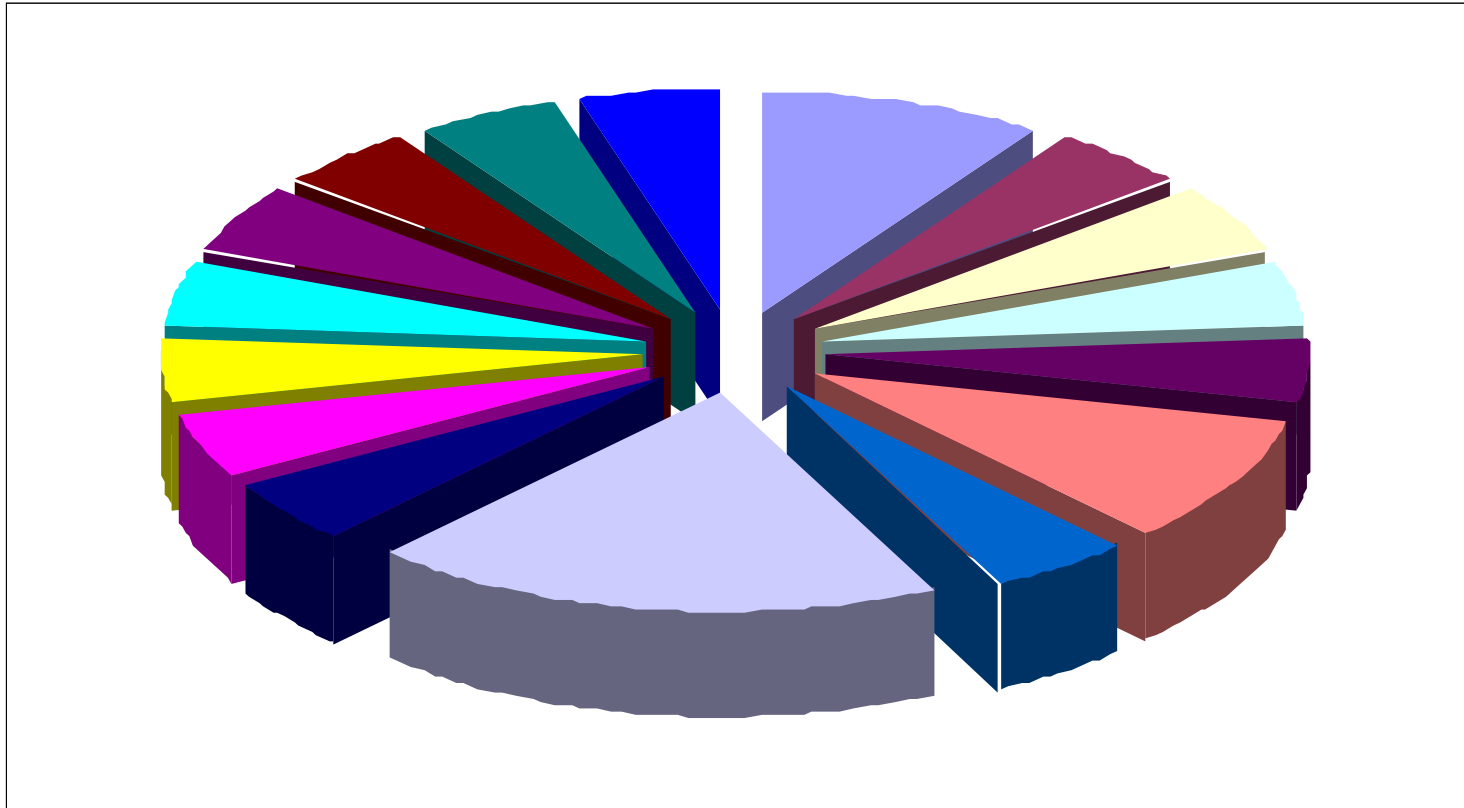
ACTIVITIES

- Evaluation of applications received in 2007 (for accreditation of labs performing Cattle paternity analyses)
- Identification and correction of critical issues for the 2008 edition
- Start of New activities
- Draft agreement with ISAG

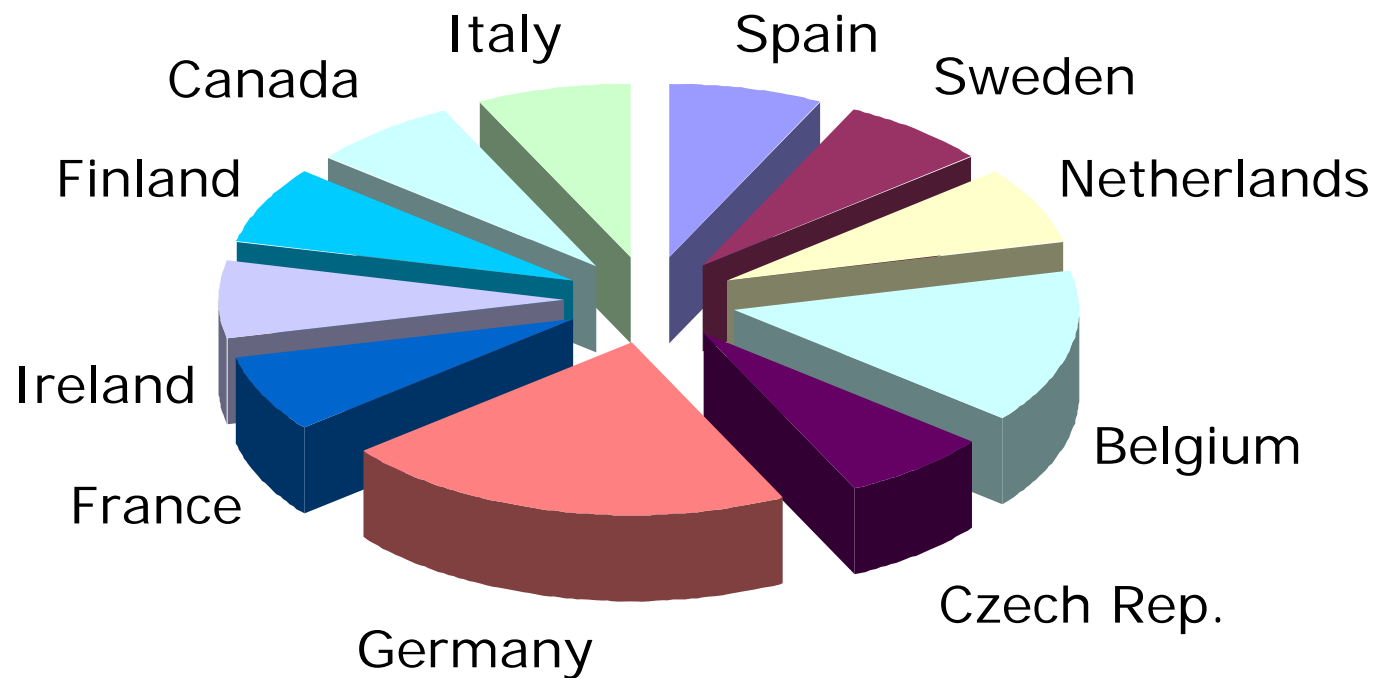
**EVALUATION OF
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
IN 2007**



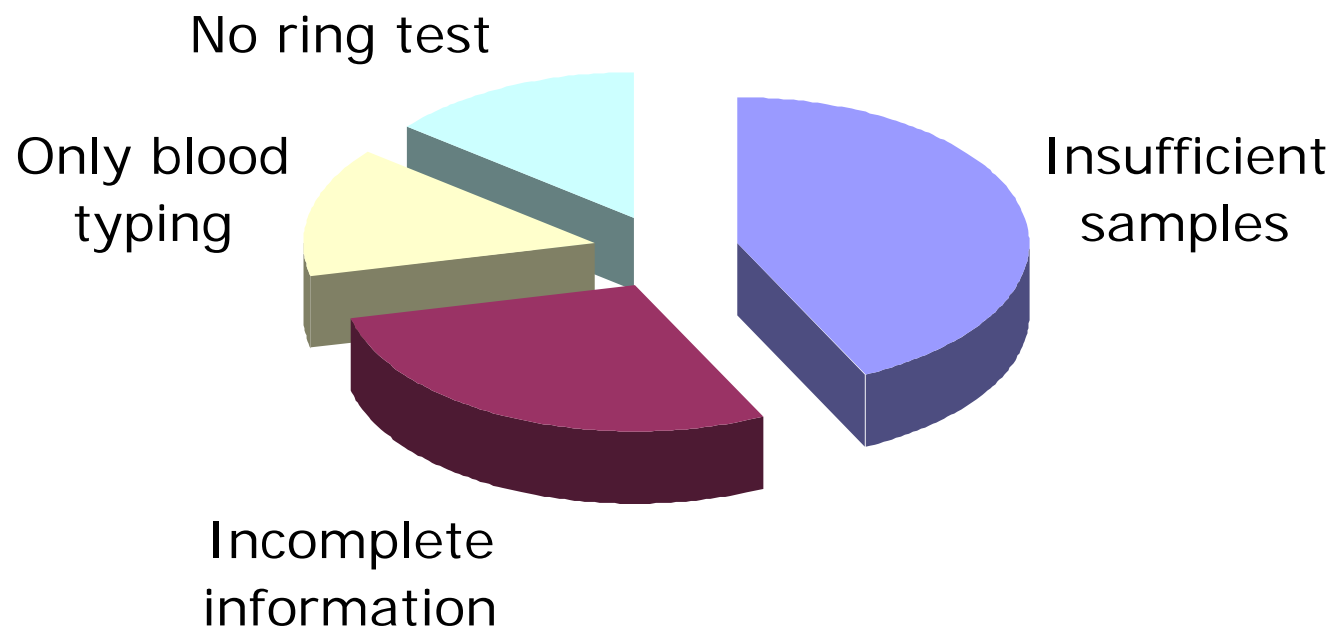
21 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM 16 COUNTRIES



ACCREDITED 14 LABORATORIES FROM 11 COUNTRIES



REASONS FOR REJECTION



**IDENTIFICATION AND
CORRECTION OF CRITICAL
ISSUES FOR THE 2008 EDITION**



MINIMUM NUMBER OF SAMPLES ANALYSED PER YEAR

- In 2007 strict minimum threshold of 500 animals/year.
- Starting 2008 minimum threshold of 100 animals/year.
- Starting 2008 experts evaluate the acceptability of between 100 and 500 animals on a case-by-case basis.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION

- Not a minimum requirement in 2007, 2008, 2009
- Minimum requirement starting 2010
- Evaluated on a case-by-case basis the validity of lab procedures and experience

DURATION OF ACCREDITATION

- Duration ICAR accreditation is 2 years
- In the second year accredited labs have to update ICAR with description of changes in lab equipment/personnel

OTHER ISSUES

- The clarity and meaning of some questions have been improved
- New guidelines and questionnaires are on-line

NEW ACTIVITIES



GENETIC DEFECTS

- Questionnaire circulated by ICAR secretariat to collect information in cattle and other species
- Need to coordinate with WHFF, Interbull and other ICAR groups
 - Identification of the defect
 - Nomenclature
 - Exchange of results

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

- using SNPs in paternity testing
- SNPs in Marker Assisted Selection (MAS), Gene Assisted Selection (GAS) and Genomic Selection (GS)
- Sequencing



ICAR-ISAG coordination

- First contacts in 2002
- LoA to be discussed with ISAG management at Amsterdam ISAG session
- ISAG: Scientific topics; ICAR: technical application
- Use of ISAG Ring Test for ICAR labs accreditation
- Future coordination to develop new fields: parenthood verification through SNPs, genetic defects, etc.

OTHER ISSUES

- Paternity testing in species other than cattle
- Enabling early detection of new genetic defects
- Enlargement of the WG

DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH ISAG



CATTLE PATERNITY RING TEST

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