

# Animal Data Recording

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# Activities since 2006

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- **Establishment of a working group:**
  - S Harding (Holstein UK - UK)
  - D Koorn (NRS BV - Netherlands)
  - N Wirtz (VIT - Germany)
- **Establishment a draft working programme to meet the terms of references:**
  - To provide a single guideline, primarily for the electronic format of data relating to animals
  - To assist in the formation of a common data dictionary
- **Contact and coordination**
- **Meeting in June 2008**



# Context

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- At international level a lot of organisations deal with similar activities :
  - World Holstein Federation
  - ISO
  - UNCEFACT
  - CEN
  - ...
- Within ICAR several SC or WG have similar activities for a limited scope in relation with their activities



# Analysis

Though to facilitative data exchange were a real issue !!!...

- The major part of the problems find their solution at national level.
- Apart specific circumstances, few countries, limited and precise demand, there is little input from international organisations for many reasons:
  - A lot of time is wasted because of the difficulty of mutual understanding
  - Objectives are often too wide, not well defined and do not meet the needs of industry,
  - Establish and maintain data dictionary and messages require a large amount of work which is difficult to funded
  - Lack of business expertise resulting in an too important contribution from academic people and TIC technicians
  - Intellectual property issues
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# Recommendation n°1

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- **Because of:**
  - the context
  - the difficulty for an international organisation to produce something relevant,
- **ICAR should renounce to establish data dictionary and electronic format.**



# Recommendation n°2

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- Data definition, codifications and list of contents should be established at the level of the existing ICAR wg or sc.
- For syntax issues, when it is required, WG and SC should refer primarily to the current ISO standards.



# Recommendation n°3

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ICAR could bring a valuable contribution to its members, even with limited means, in the field animal data exchange and relevant technologies by:

- Arranging periodical surveys among its members about these issues
- Reporting about the activities of the international standards setters
- Being a sentinel of risk and opportunities
- Arranging open meeting during the general assembly about, based on presentation, open discussion rather than on formal papers



# Recommendation n° 4

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- According these proposals the 'Animal data recording' working group should be discarded.
- A task force should be established, consisting in a network of experienced people from member organisations.





# Next steps

- **If ICAR follow the previous recommendations:**
  - the task force should be enlarged to a limited number of people from other continents than Europe,
  - The first meeting of the task force will take place in 2009 in order to prepare the open meeting of 2010
  - The survey will be organised in 2009
  - The agenda of the 2010 open meeting could consist at least:
    - Results from the survey.
    - Report about the activities of international standard setters.
    - What news from member organisation and from ICAR SC and WG.



**Thank you for your attention...**



Titre de la manifestation