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Hans Wilmink: New President of ICAR

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Themes of the Session

Hans Wilmink, New ICAR President, elected at the 39th Biennial Session, Berlin 2014

The ICAR Board at its meeting held on 22 May 2014 in Berlin, Germany, elected Hans Wilmink from CRV, an international herd improvement company with headquarters located in The Netherlands. He was elected member of the Board in 2011 and served as Vice-President of ICAR. He served also for ten years as member of the INTERBULL Steering Committee.

A word from the new President

The 39th Biennial Session of ICAR held in Berlin, Germany 19-23 May 2014 was one of the most important events in the history of the Association. Over 650 participants (animal recording and evaluation professionals, technicians, managers, researchers) attended the General Assembly, opening ceremony, plenary session, two main and four parallel sessions with 60 oral presentations and discussions and meetings of fifteen Sub-Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces.

One special session was devoted to presentations of activities of Sub-Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces. The Session was preceded by ISO-IDF Analytical Week and by INTERBULL meeting which were attended by a number of professionals from analytical laboratories and evaluation organizations, members of ICAR. The German Breeders Association (ADR), the host of the Session, provided excellent working facilities, high quality accommodation and services, warm hospitality and efficient technical support which was highly appreciated by all participants.

Among so many nice things and innovations let us mention the publication of Conference News, a newsletter containing short presentations of events from the previous day. Five interesting and well attended technical tours took participants to farms, dairy plants, recording organizations and livestock research institutes.



**The new ICAR President,
Hans Wilmink**

Main themes of the 39th Biennial Session, Berlin 2014

At the opening ceremony sustainability in the agricultural development and cattle breeding in Germany were presented by Clemens Neumann from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and by Bianca Lind, director of the Cattle Breeders federation of Germany. Three keynote presentations covered animal identification, animal breeding and international trade – new EU regulations on zootechnics, ICAR in the changing environment for animal production. Main and parallel sessions dealt with

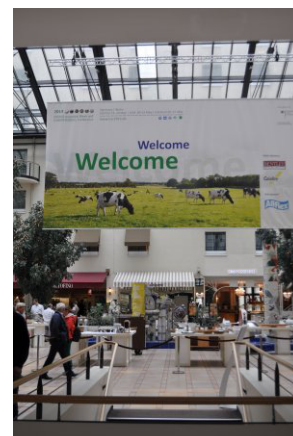
General Assembly

parentage verification and parentage discovery, carry over/sample quality, dairy cattle milk recording and functional traits.

Program of sessions and power point presentations are available on the ICAR web site at: www.icar.org/Documents/Berlin_2014/

2014 ICAR General Assembly

The General Assembly of ICAR held on 21 May 2014 received President and Inspectors reports, approved the end year financial statement for 2013 and the budget for 2015 and endorsed the strategic plan "New ICAR". It elected new members of the ICAR Board and ICAR Inspectors. It approved changes in guidelines for animal identification, parentage recording, cashmere goat identification and cashmere combing management, fibre harvesting and grading and amendments to the "Standards and guidelines for performance recording in dairy sheep." The President of ICAR presented new eight Members and two Associate Members and Members who received the ICAR Certificate of Quality.



The venue of the 39th ICAR Biennial Session in Berlin 2014

The "New ICAR"

Strategic Plan "New ICAR"

The strategic Plan "New ICAR" endorsed by the General Assembly defines ICAR as the leading global provider of guidelines, standards and certification for animal identification, animal recording and evaluation. It sets objectives for growth in ICAR membership and activities and improved global visibility and role of ICAR in changing environment.

New Members

New ICAR Members

In the period June 2013 / May 2014 the ICAR Board admitted the following organizations as members of ICAR:

- EMBRAPA – Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation
- FEAGAS (Spain - replacing the former member)
- National Livestock Identification System Ltd. (Australia)
- Romanian Holstein Breeders Association (Romania)
- Shanghai Dairy Breeding Centre Co. Ltd (China)
- The Breeding Cooperative Impuls (Czech Republic),
- The Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon for ICAR
- VIT, IT-solutions for Animal Production (Germany)

Lely Industries Netherlands and Rezare Systems Ltd (New Zealand) were admitted Associate Members.



Reinhard Reents, Christian Baumgartner and Folkert Onken

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ICAR Board

New members of the ICAR Board and Inspectors

The General Assembly elected Bianca Lindt (Germany), Laurent Journaux (France) and Niels Henning Nielsen (Denmark) members of the ICAR Board for the term of four years. It extended the term of office of Jay Mattison and Kiavo Ilves for another four year term.

Neil Petreny and Josef Kučera were renewed for the second term, as inspectors.



Some of the ICAR Board Members (from left): Japie van der Westhuizen, Bianca Lind, Niels Henning Nielsen, Jay Mattison, Kaivo Ilves, Bevin Harris and Laurent Journaux

Executive Board

New members of the Executive Board of ICAR elected by the Board are Hans Wilmink (President), Jay Mattison (Vice President), Kaivo Ilves (Vice President), Marco Winters (Secretary) and Laurent Journaux (Treasurer).

INTERBULL

2014 INTERBULL Meeting

The main topics of the INTERBULL meeting held on the occasion of the 39th Biennial session were fine tuning of the international genomic evaluation (GMACE) and the establishment of a genomic data exchange platform (GENOEX). The first routine GMACE run would start in August 2014. The establishment of a genomic data exchange platform (GENOEX) targeting initially parentage verification SNP data was supported by Parentage Recording and World Breed Federations Working Groups.

More information are available on www.interbull.org

World Breed Federations

World Breed Federations – A new ICAR Working Group

The ICAR Task Force World Breed Federations proposed and the ICAR Board endorsed the transformation of the Task force into a permanent working group to coordinate activities of breed federations and ICAR in fields of common interest such as conformation and parentage recording.

CoQ

Certificate of Quality

During the Berlin General Assembly Uffe Lourtisen, President of ICAR, delivered Certificate of Quality to:

- ASR, Switzerland
- Italian Breeders' Association (AIA), Italy
- Cattle information System, UK,
- Croatian Agricultural Agency (HPA), Croatia
- Czech-Moravian Breeders' Corporation, Czech Republic

- Danish Agricultural Advisory Service, Denmark
- France Genetic Elevage, France
- Holstein UK, UK
- Irish Cattle Breeding Federation, Ireland
- Animal Improvement Institute (ARC), South Africa
- Scottish Agricultural College, UK
- State agency Agricultural data centre (LDC), Latvia,
- The Breeding Services of the Slovak Republic, Slovakia
- VIT, IT-solutions for Animal Production, Germany
- Central Association of Austrian Cattle Breeders (ZAR), Austria

Awards

Distinguished Service Award

Uffe Lauritsen, the outgoing President of ICAR, and Pierre Louis Gastinel and Reinhard Reents, the outgoing members of the ICAR Board, received the Distinguished Service Awards at the 2014 ICAR General Assembly.



Reinhard Reents, Pierre Louis Gastinel and Uffe Lauritsen receiving the Distinguished Service Award

President's Award

Milan Zjalic, Technical Advisor of ICAR, received President's Award at the Gala Evening held on the occasion of the 39th ICAR Session in Berlin.



Milan Zjalic receiving the President Award from uffe Lauritsen

Distinguished Certificate Award

In recognition of the particular voluntary services given to ICAR activities, the Distinguished Certificate Award upon the completion of their terms of office has been given to: Francis Barillet, Egil Brenne, Juraj Candrák, Jan Floor, Bevin Harris, David Hewitt, Dan Meihak, Georges Psathas, and Franz Schallerl

Next Meetings

Next ICAR meetings

2015 General Assembly and the Technical Workshop "Performance recording in genotyped world" will be held in Krakow, Poland, 10 – 12 June on the kind invitation of the Polish Federation of Cattle Breeders and Dairy Farmers.

The preliminary program envisaged that meetings of Sub-Committees and Working Groups would be held on 8–9 June.



Danuta Radzio presenting the ICAR Technical Meeting in Poland (Krakow) in 2015



The banner announcing the ICAR 40th Biennial Session in Puerto Varas (Chile) in 2016

