

Animal welfare recording WG

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Recall of the Terms of reference of the AWR WG of ICAR

Animal welfare recording WG

- To assess the level of consistency between
 - the recommendations and standards from international bodies about animal welfare
 - And the practices of the recording organisations

• To complet and adapt the ICAR Guidelines for a better consistency.



first goals and methods

- cross analysis
 - between the 11 general principles of OIE, and its criteria, (chap.7 of Terrestrial Code)
 - and the practices of the recording organisations based on ICAR guidelines,
- not only the recording of animal traits, but also of environmental parameters
- 3 lines:
 - The description of animal traits and parameters
 - The recording process (are the process painful? ...)
 - And the training of operators.



Main deliveries

- a poster presentation at the next «International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level », in September, at Clermont-Ferrand – France, (WAFL 2014).
- a more detailed report established for the Board and for the use of the other WG concerned by some traits in link with animal welfare, to decide adjustments and additions in ICAR Guidelines



A WG fitted to ICAR strategy

The strategic plan of ICAR:

- •underlines the social impact of animal welfare requirements on the future of producers activities
- •Sets up the consideration of new traits as animal welfare among the main strategic goals.

