

Animal Data Recording Task Force

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Members

- **The members:**

- E Rehben (chairman)
- S Harding (Holstein UK - UK)
- Bert van't Land (CRV BV – Netherlands)
- Ralf Kostler (Germany)

Two members have left the group because of professional evolution:

- D Koorn (NRS BV - Netherlands)
- N Wirtz (VIT – Germany)



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Context

- **Activity of the task force**
 - focused on a strategic approach of the standardisation of animal data and the beginning of implementation of this strategy
- **Animal data recording is in relation with:**
 - Increasing challenges
 - More and more complexity due to technological innovation (captor, RFID...)
- **Data standardisation should be considered as a global issue from the animal to the data base of breeding organisations**



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Driving ideas of this strategic approach

- **Mission of ICAR with regard of data standardisation :**
 - To act in order to create conditions which allow its members to provide the farmers with efficient and relevant services
 - Not necessarily to establish standards
- **Increase of the needs for data exchange**
 - Too much bodies in charge of data standardisation
 - poor results
 - waste of time for the limited number of experts who could contribute in this activity



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Driving ideas of this strategic approach

- **A better coordination between the key players :**
 - Between the key players, ICAR, ISO, Interbull Center, World Holstein Federation
 - = A pre requisite to an efficient animal data standardisation
- **International animal data standardisation**
 - Not the starting point
 - But the final stage of the process
- **The process for International animal data standardisation**
 - start with limited projects involving people who have an interest in the project
 - Manufacturers could commit with ICAR to produce their standards
 - To meet some requirements
 - To make the results available for an international body
 - To communicate through ICAR web site



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Important facts

- **Changes in the ICAR web site:**
 - Planned in June 2010
 - Periodical survey about the state of art for animal data exchange among ICAR members
 - Interoperability of codification for breeds and coat colours
- **Meeting with CEN/UNCEFACT**
 - Brussels in September 2009.
- **Meeting with Word Holstein Friesian Federation**
 - March 2010



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Strategy of implementation

- **Cooperation with World Holstein Friesian Federation**
 - According to the draft from Suzanne Harding
- **In collaboration with animal recording devices,**
 - an initiative for a project with a limited number of manufacturers of milking equipment
- **In collaboration with EFFAB**
 - An initiative for animal Health Data Management
- **Proposal from the EU/AgriXchange project** (led by the University of Wageningen)
 - for ICAR to become member of the advisory committee
 - Objective of the project : establish a network about data exchange in agriculture and provide the players a frame work relevant for these problems



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Thank you for your attention...



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