

ICAR Beef working group activity report

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Members

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New terms of reference

- ✓ Maintain, update, promote and extend the guidelines
- ✓ Develop references for exchange of data for international genetic evaluations ;
- ✓ Survey beef data in countries ;
- ✓ Organize special session at each ICAR meeting and at the Interbull technical session ;
- ✓ Involve itself in countries with developing economies – attempt to make them aware.



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Meetings

- ✓ Sousse (Tunisia) 2004
- ✓ Billings (US) 2005
 - During the annual BIF meeting
 - good exchanges with US organisations (NCBE and BIF)
 - The item of these meeting were :
 - Current state of international beef evaluations
 - Terms of reference of ICAR Beef Performance Working Group
 - Participation at ICAR 2006 meeting in Finland
 - Biennial world wide survey of beef recording
 - Update universal guidelines for beef recording



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Maintain update extend and promote the guideline

- ✓ We propose
 - to add a new chapter on
 - docility
 - International data dictionary
 - to check the priority for updates in the existing chapters
- ✓ A first version of a glossary was written (J Hickey)



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Survey beef data in countries

- ✓ No survey for 2006 !...
- ✓ A project is to have a web version for the next survey



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International genetic evaluation

- ✓ The larger part of the activity of members BWG during the last 2 years
- ✓ Task force (HJ Schild)
 - Concluded that there is a market for the major beef breeds
- ✓ Reference document for data exchange
 - Cross reference table for ID of exchanged animals
- ✓ A project for an Interbeef service
 - A development for the next 3 years
 - Ireland, France, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, ICAR and INTERBULL have agreed to contribute



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