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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.

Meetings

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

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)

Survey beef data in countries

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