



ICAR President's Report

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Challenges in animal production sector affecting ICAR

- ▶ Three years ago at Niagara Falls session: announcing genomics in breeding values
- ▶ Since then: focus of ICAR governing and technical bodies on it, particularly INTERBULL (SC & Centre)



Challenging World

- ▶ **ICAR has different options consequently needs a strengthening in structure, bodies, activities**
- ▶ **Strategic alliance (international institutions and organizations) contributes to services provided by ICAR and to their quality**
- ▶ **Dissemination and cooperation are key points in ICAR activities**



Service-ICAR is part of the strategy

▶ Incomes

- Testing control and approval of identification and recording devices
- Labels on Recording Devices
- Certificate of Quality
- Benchmarking

▶ Benefits invested in dissemination

- Website
- Publications
- Newsletter
- Facilitate internal projects by technical bodies



ICAR Recording Guidelines

- ▶ **Recording guidelines: main task of ICAR**
- ▶ **Their future:**
 - **Simplification**
 - **Up-dating**
 - **New topics not previously covered**
 - **Guidelines to assure consistency**



New ICAR Members

- ▶ Livestock Research Institute (Taiwan)
- ▶ Association Nationale des Eleveurs des Bovins (Morocco)
- ▶ Livestock Breeders Association (Uzbekistan)
- ▶ National Agency for Reproduction and Animal Breeding, ANARZ (Romania)



From Biennial Sessions to Annual Meetings

- ▶ **Increased relevance of “Annual Meeting”**
 - Meetings of SCs and WGs members
 - Monitoring of activities by the Board
 - Coordination among Chairmen
- ▶ **Coordinated actions and increase dissemination**
 - A tool: web site



Thank you from the ICAR Board

Members, cooperation and
participation are the real engine of
the ICAR Mission