

Interbeef Meeting in Salzburg Austria on 8th and 9th March 2016.

Dear Interbeef Member(s),

We are delighted to announce that our next Interbeef meeting will be held in Salzburg, Austria on 8th and 9th March 2016. The objective of the meeting is two-fold; (i) to provide members with an update of current and future Interbeef activities (through our technical and working group meetings), and (ii) to talk specifically around our new proposed Interbeef genetic evaluation service for the Simmental breed.

Our own Thomas Schmidt (DEU) has been heavily involved in organising the program, along with our hosts, Franz Sturmlechner and Franz Pirker and their team from the Austrian Cattle Associations.

In terms of the event, it will be held at the Hotel Konigut, Wals, Salzburg (www.koeniggut-salzburg.at), which is only a short taxi trip from the airport. Thomas and our hosts have negotiated a very favourable rate with the hotel (€81.50/night). About 20 rooms have been held for our requirements. Please use the keyword Interbeef when booking your accommodation. As this is busy skiing season we advise potential participants to please book early!

ICAR/Interbeef have kindly agreed to cover the cost of the conference program (i.e., meeting rooms, teas & coffees, lunch and dinner on the evening of the 8th March).

In terms of program for the two days, we are proposing the following;

Tuesday 8th March.

- 9 AM – 12.30 PM Interbeef Technical Meeting (please see attached agenda).
- 12.30 – 1.30 PM Lunch.
- 1.30 PM – 2.30 PM Overview of beef cattle breeding in Austria.
- 2.30 PM – 3.30 PM Travel to typical beef cattle property, near Salzburg.
- 3.30PM – 5.00 PM Visit farm.
- 5.00 PM – 6.00 PM Travel back to hotel.
- 7.00 PM – 8.00 PM City walk in Salzburg.
- 8.00 PM – 10.00 PM Dinner with our Austrian hosts in Salzburg.

Wednesday 9th March.

- 9 AM – 1.00 PM Interbeef Working Group Meeting (please see attached agenda).
- 1.00 PM – 2.00 PM Lunch.

We would strongly encourage all members to please consider this important meeting, ahead of our annual meeting, which will be held in Puerto Varas, Chile in October. If you plan to attend, please confirm by emailing myself by Friday 26th February, so that we can confirm numbers with the hotel.

Given that most people will be travelling to Austria for the 2 days we would encourage all people to participate in both the technical meeting (which will be focused on ongoing research/implementation issues) and also the working group meeting (which will focus on the issues requiring decisions/actions to help move ICAR/Interbeef forward).

If you have any questions on the attached, or any aspect of the proposed program, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself (acromie@icbf.com) or Thomas (Thomas.Schmidt@lazbw.bwl.de).

Regards

Dr. Andrew Cromie, Chairperson, Interbeef Working Group.