



ICAR Group Report

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Meeting(s) since June 2013	Last: 27/11/13 – TELCON 28/02/14 – TELCON 15/04/14 - TELCON	Next: May meeting in Berlin
Participation	Full +:	Absence Too many to list

	<p>27/11/13 - Linda Markle, George Wiggans and Suzanne Harding</p> <p>28/02/14 - Charl Hunlun, George Wiggans, Marco Winters, Matthew McClure, and Suzanne Harding</p> <p>15/04/14 - Linda Markle, George Wiggans, Hans Wilmink and Suzanne Harding</p>	
Key Agenda Issues	<p>27/11/13 – New guidelines on microsatellite reconstruction of parents</p> <p>28/02/14 – new guidelines on Blood typing and visual inspection; discussion about group responsible for writing the definitions for the accreditation of organisations for parentage verification</p> <p>15/04/14 – tweak to guidelines.</p>	
Important Decisions made since June 2013	<p>27/11/13 - Guidelines agreed and put forward to Council</p> <p>28/02/14 – Guidelines held back and added to.</p> <p>15/04/14 – Guidelines to be sent around ICAR organisations</p>	
Active cooperation and links to other ICAR SC/WG/TFs and other international bodies such as ISO, EU, IDF, ISAG, world breed organisations, manufacturers etc	<p>Genetic Analysis WG</p> <p>INTERBULL</p> <p>WHFF</p> <p>Data Exchange WG</p> <p>ISAG</p>	
Issues to be handled by the Board & Deadlines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access for organisations (?) to the 400 parentage SNPs – deadline asap 2. Industry database and exchange for the parentage SNPs 3. Members of the group who never participate - asap 	
Top 3 to 5 Issues for this SC/WG/TF	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guidelines for an accreditation for applying the results of genotype identification. 2. Good practices guideline for natural service, liaising with AI WG 3. Guidelines as to acceptable level of errors in a population and what should be done about high occurrence of errors 4. Define the percentages of herds and animals that should be parentage checked 5. Define possible alternatives for optimal Parentage 	

	<p>Recording.</p> <p>6. Produce optimal parentage recording guidelines</p> <p>7. Ensure that Parentage Recording is covered for all species</p>
How does this SC/WG fit into ICAR strategy?	It should be a key part of the ICAR strategy. If an animal is incorrectly identified, it's data will be of no value, and at worst, data will be used incorrectly
In the chair's opinion how can the Secretariat give greater assistance to the working of the SC/WG?	They already help me a lot. (Thank you!)
What funds have been received from ICAR since June 2013 and how have they been used?	None
Finances – summary of any proposals that required ICAR funding. Objective and budget by year.	None