International Committee for Animal Recording





### What is ICAR

ICAR (International Committee for Animal Recording) is the World-Wide Organization for the Standardization of Animal Identification, Recording and Genetic Evaluation

# Where does ICAR work? <sup>36</sup>

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# **ICAR History**

- First Dairy Performance Recordings in USA 1883
- Early Attempt to Internationally Standardize Milk Recording in Europe 1923
- Foundation of the European Milk/Butter Recording Committee 1951
- Introduction of Computerized System '60s
- Interbull 1988
- Other Species early 90s
- Genomic application late '00s



### Recorded Dairy Cows in 1935



(1 point  $\rightarrow$  2,500 Recorded Cows)

### Who do we work for?





# Missions of ICAR

#### **Activities**:

- Identification
- Performance Recording (quantity and quality)
- Genetic Evaluation (Interbull)

**Species**:

Cattle (dairy and beef)

– Sheep

– Goats

– Buffalo

– Alpaca



## Missions of ICAR

**Providing Information and Services to help its** Member Organizations to Develop, Operate and Manage their Business

**Promote Benefits** of Identification, Recording and Evaluation

Increasing the Demand for the Services Provided by ICAR Member Organizations



## **Guidelines and Standard**

# Provision of <u>Services</u>Exchange of <u>Information</u>

through ICAR Member Organization can Work Together to Achieve Shared Objectives



# Performance Recording Activities

Minimum Requirements to Ensure a Satisfactory Degree of Uniformity of Recording and Maximum Flexibility in the Choice of Methods

> Recording Organization is Free to Determine its Particular Recording Methodology

# ICAR Today

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# ICAR Today

#### ICAR today has 87 Member Organizations from 51 Countries

#### ICAR has 4 Sub-Committees and 12 Working Groups

About 100 Technicians work voluntarily to Fulfill ICAR Missions



# ICAR Sub-Committees Interbull

- > Uppsala centre (Sweden)
- > International Genetic Comparison of Cattle
- > Productive and Morphology traits
- > Genomic application (GEBV)



# **ICAR Sub-Committees Recording Devices**

- > Give Acceptable Working Level of Recording Devices
- > Test and Approve Recording Devices
- > Control Maintenance and Accuracy of Recording Devices

Milk production (reference) Species Fat percentage (reference) Cattle 2 - 7%2 - 40 kgBuffalo 0.8 - 12 kg3 - 15% $0.3 - 6 \, \text{kg}$ 2 - 8%Goat  $0.3 - 6 \, \text{kg}$ 2 - 12% Sheep

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# ICAR Sub-Committees Identification

- Give International Standard of Identification System
- > Test and Approve Identification System





• Registering Authority for ISO



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## **ICAR SubCommittee**

#### • Animal Identification

- Interbull
- Milk Analysis
- Recording Devices



# ICAR Working Groups

- Lactation Calculation Methods
- Animal Data Recording
- Genetic Analysis
- Functional Traits
- Milk Recording in Goats
- Developing Countries



# ICAR Working Groups

#### • Milk Recording in Sheep

- Beef Recording and Evaluation
- Artificial Insemination and Relevant Technologies
- Conformation Recording
- Fiber Recording
- Parentage Recording



### What ICAR Provides



**Standards for Animal Industry** 

**Technical Workshops** 

Exchange of Information

Networking

**Technical Developments** 

International Representation and Lobbying Activities

Newsletter

**Technical Books** 

International Genetic Evaluation

### Trying to Satisfy (almost...) all Requirements of our Members





# Additional Services Benchmark

- Service to every local or national animal recording agencies
- Compare internationally and nationally the performances of agencies
- For Type of Services, Customer Service, Milk laboratory, Data Processing, Financial Aspects, Overhead, Service Costs, Advisory Services, ...



# Additional Services Certificate of Quality

- Professional Quality Assurance Supervision to improve Activities and Certifies Quality of Services
- Different for species
- Different for Activities
  - Identification
  - Recording
  - Genetic Evaluation



### Additional Services PSAS (Patenting Sentinel and Action Service)

- ✓ Website offering information on patenting
- Works by sharing news among members
- Hires an expert to support the service:
  - to propose themes
  - to verify information
  - To answer questions
- Service for free





- Interest since the early days
- Proper identification as base for herd management and genetic evaluation
- Traceability for sanitary reasons and food



- Importance for identification from the herd to national agencies
- ICAR expertise and vicinity to farmers' necessities
- Serving animal industry



- National authorities and international organization
- Registration Authority for ISO for Radio Frequency Identification Devices



- ICAR guarantees high expertise and full neutral
- Hundreds of tested identification devices
- Available information from ICAR website (large amount of visits)



# The Future





- Health and Welfare Traits
- Data exchange

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- Improving efficiency
- Genomic application
- New species and production



### Thanks for Your Attention!



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