



ICAR Newsletter

From the President



This is ICAR's first newsletter.

ICAR now has over forty member organisations.

With such a widespread membership, good communications between the member meetings in alternate years, is clearly very important.

As your President I have felt for some time that there was a need for better

communication between all the different groups and individuals who work so assiduously on behalf of ICAR between the full ICAR sessions. I am also conscious that starting a newsletter is easier than keeping it going. That said however I am confident that member organisations and ICAR committees and groups will find the newsletter a good way of communicating with ICAR member organisations.

The ICAR Board have agreed that a newsletter should be sent to all member organisations at least twice each year. The newsletter will also be sent to organisations which have an interest in the work of ICAR.

To grow in membership and to avoid any misunderstandings with other organisations, it is important that ICAR also communicates its' objectives and its' successes, to non member organisations which have an interest in the fields of activity covered by ICAR.

The Board have established two task forces to further develop the work of ICAR. Dr. Crettenand has been asked to lead a task force on developing closer relationships with the World Dairy Breed Federations and Daniel Musi has been asked to lead a task force aimed at facilitating the growth of recording in the developing countries.

The ICAR newsletter will also encourage other organisations to join ICAR and work with us to increase the numbers of animals recorded and evaluated to ICAR standards and guidelines.

I believe that the newsletter will be a very important part of ICAR's work and am confident that it will have the "active" support of the membership.

*Wim M. G. Wismans
President.*

The 29th Session-a brief report

Held in Ottawa in August 1994 the 29th session attracted 189 delegates, the largest ever attendance, a tribute to the organising and hosting skills of the our Canadian hosts.

Delegates heard more than forty papers presented over the three days of technical sessions. The papers presented covered the full range of strategic choices for recording organisations from large mainframe systems through to P.C. based recording systems.

The role of on farm systems and their links with the central recording organisations was covered in papers from several member organisations. Links with parlours, with other on farm systems and with other recording organisations were discussed.

In the sessions on new developments delegates heard papers on subjects as diverse as neural networks and competition between recording organisations.

Delegates from member organisations reported on development work in their countries. Papers were presented on the latest developments in the on farm analysis of milk, the automatic sampling of milk and the development of new milk recording equipment.

Technical sessions were also held on Beef, Sheep and Goat recording. In a special half day session devoted to papers on beef recording topics, delegates heard papers on performance recording, linear scoring and on genetic evaluations for beef traits.

The 29th session also ratified revisions to the ICAR Constitution, the agreement and the newly published ICAR guidelines on recording. Key items were the move away from requiring that member organisations record in a proscribed manner to requiring that member organisations record in one of the ways described in the ICAR guidelines.

Delegates also ratified a change to the constitution, which enabled there to be more than one member organisation per country provided that the Board of ICAR are satisfied that the activities of the organisations do not overlap.

The role of ICAR in providing guidelines for recording systems in developing countries was discussed in a special session.

With input from FAO the needs of the developing countries were highlighted. ICAR hope to further the growth of recording in developing countries through the work of the newly established ICAR development fund. This ICAR Board initiative was welcomed by the delegates.

Full details of the 29th session and copies of the papers are published in "Milk and Beef Recording: State of the art, 1994" EAAP publication No. 75, 1995.

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Award to Professor Boyazoglu

Jean Boyazoglu former Secretary General of ICAR has been made an honorary member of the German Society for Animal Breeding. The society in making the award paid tribute to Jean Boyazoglus' work in forging international links which had been of great benefit to breeders.

30th Session of ICAR

The documentation for the 30th Session will be sent to the member organisation in the next few weeks.

The dates

The 30th session. Tuesday June 25th to Thursday 27th June inclusive.

Pre session activities Starting Wednesday 19th June.

Post session activities Concluding Friday 28th June.

The Place

The Congress Centre "Koningshof", Veldhoven, near Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

Official Languages

Simultaneous translation of all proceedings of the 30th session will be provided in English French and German.

A chance to see the famous All - Holland Dairy Show

The 4th All - Holland Dairy Show takes place on Friday and Saturday 21, 22 June, at Veemarktcomplex in Utrecht.

Post Conference Tour.

There will be a one day Technical excursion on Friday 28th June.

Additional meetings.

ICAR

There will be meetings of the ICAR working groups, the ICAR sub committees and the ICAR Board in the days preceeding the 30th session.

Interbull

There will be meetings of the Interbull steering committee on June 22nd and Interbull technical sessions on June 23rd and 24th.

ICAR Board Initiatives

The ICAR Board will hold meetings with representatives from the AI organisations, the world dairy breed federations and the world beef breed federations, to promote the work of ICAR and to discuss how ICAR can work together with these organisations in the fields of animal recording and evaluation.

Coming Soon

Future editions of the Newsletter will be produced soon. Current plans are to include an update on the activities of Interbull and on the work of the other ICAR committees. Leaflets describing the work of ICAR and Interbull are also about to be produced and will be circulated to members.

Request

Please let me know - as soon as possible - what you would like to be covered in the Newsletter and also the names and addresses of other people who you feel should receive it.

Provisional 30th Session Program

- 01 Opening of the Session and adoption of the agenda
- 02 Approval of the 29th ICAR session minutes
- 03 Auditor's financial account report for 1994 and 1995 and adoption
- 04 Report on the 1996 budget "
- 05 General activity report of Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces
- 06 a) Acceptance of New Member Organisations
b) Presentation of New Members Organisations: Bulgaria, Egypt, Estonia, Latvia, Korea
- 07 Situation and evolution of milk production and milk recording in member countries in 1994 and 1995 (J C Mocquot, France)
- 08 Report of the Task Force on Developing Fund (D Musi, Argentina)
- 09 Report of Task Force on World Breed Associations (J Crettenand, Switzerland)
- 10 Report on Meeting with AI organisations (Martin Sieber, USA).
- 11 Report of the Sub-Committee on International Bull Evaluation - Interbull (B W Wickham, New Zealand).
- 12 Report of the Sub - Committee on Rules and Regulations (D M Batchelor, UK)
- 13 Report of the Sub - Committee on Meters and Jars (J Crettenand, Switzerland)
- 14 Report on Lactation Calculation Methods and related matters (Rosati, Italy)
- 15 Report on Computer Developments (P Dukas, USA)
- 16 Report on Health and Fertility Recording (Mrs G Bratt, Sweden)
- 17 Report on Milk Testing Laboratories (O Leray, France).
- 18 Report on Animal Identification and Registration (E Feddersen, Germany)
- 19 Report on Conformation Recording (J Stoll, Luxembourg)
- 20 Report on the Milk Recording of Sheep (F Barillet, France)
- 21 Report on the Milk Recording of Goats (A Flanagan, Spain)
- 22 Report on Beef Performance (E Rehben, France)
- 23 Report on the constitution of Working Group on Buffalo (Mrs B Moioli, Italy)
- 24 Closing Business Session
 - a) Elections
 - b) Date and place of the 31th Session of the biennial ICAR Session
 - c) Other Business
- 25 Closing of the 30th biennial ICAR Session

Call for papers.

Delegates interested in presenting a paper at the 30th session are asked to provide a brief outline (max 100 words) of the subject to be covered and the agenda item which the paper is most closely associated with.

Submissions must be made to the chairman of the Sub-committees and working groups as listed in the programme with a copy to the Secretary General in Rome by February 1st.

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