

6th March 2017.

Re: Minutes from meetings in Chile and plans for ICAR-Interbeef Meetings in Edinburgh.

Dear ICAR-Interbeef member,

Please find the attached minutes from our meetings in Chile, together with relevant material presented at the meetings.

As you are aware, our next meeting of the ICAR-Interbeef Working and Technical groups will take place in Edinburgh during the week 12th – 16th June, 2017.

At this stage, we have secured the following three slots in the program for Interbeef activities. These are;

- Monday 12th June from 1.30 PM – 5.30 PM. Meeting of the Interbeef Technical Group, under the chairmanship of Eric Venot, France.
- Tuesday 13th June from 8.30 AM – 12.30 PM. Joint workshop of ICAR-Interbeef members, to discuss items of priority/interest to the members.
- Tuesday 13th June from 1.30 PM – 5.30 PM. Meeting of the Interbeef Working Group, under the chairmanship of Andrew Cromie, Ireland.

In terms of agenda's for the technical and working group meetings, these are currently being finalised and will be forward over the next few weeks. However, they will be largely based on the minutes and actions from the Chile meeting (as per above).

Regarding the workshop, we would like to invite members to forward "items of priority/interest", that could then be discussed as part of the workshop. At this stage, and based on feedback from previous meetings, we have a number of initial themes. These include;

- Sharing genotypes within Interbeef; what are next steps?
- Validation of Interbeef genetic evaluations.
- Structural/funding models to underpin long term genetic gain?
- Relevant R&D for the future, including potential for greater international collaboration?
- Others?

Please do not hesitate to forward any additional thoughts/ideas to either myself or Eric. We would be delighted to add these to the list. From there, we will be able to consolidate the list of items to a maximum of 3-4, which we would then work on during the course of the session.

In terms of the main ICAR program, this will then run from 14 -16 June, with a number of open sessions, including one with a particular focus on beef. In addition there will be two plenary sessions which will be of significant interest to all attendees, which are; (i) Plenary 1 – Legal implications of data provision services, and (ii) Plenary 2 – The future of ICAR under alternative phenotyping strategies. More details of the open ICAR meeting will be forwarded in due course.

Looking forward to meeting with you again in Edinburgh.

Regards

Andrew Cromie, Chair-person of the Interbeef Working Group..

Eric Venot, Chair-person of the Interbeef Technical Group.