

Recording and Sampling Devices Sub-Committee (RSD SC) Meets in Potsdam

ICAR RSD-SC meets in Potsdam
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Welcomed by ATB and the German ICAR Test Centre team, the ICAR Recording and Sampling Devices Subcommittee (RSD-SC) held its autumn meeting 7-9 November 2018 in Potsdam, Germany. During this meeting, the members worked in several areas that are key to the ICAR processes of guidelines, evaluation and certification of recording and sampling devices. Some of the key areas reviewed include:



- Revision of the test application and steps to certification for recording and sampling devices.
- Review of current devices under test and new technologies in the marketplace.
- Review and action on currently certified devices where ICAR members expressed concerns or requested additional documentation.
- Final launch of the new ICAR web pages for the RSD as well as updated pages for certified milk meters, certified jars, and certified AMS/sampling shuttle combinations.
- Revision of section 11 of the ICAR guidelines.
- Planning for the ICAR 2019 meeting in Prague, specifically related to a session called 'Factors affecting the accuracy of recording devices'.

In addition to RSD-SC meeting, the personnel from the test Centres in France, Germany and the Netherlands met to discuss challenges and opportunities related to test design, data analysis, internal research on factors affecting the accuracy of recording devices and subsequent milk samples. This team approach by the RSD Test Centres helps streamline device testing and delivery of results to both manufacturers and updated certification listings for ICAR members.

In February 2019, the RSD-SC will be sending the annual request for member and manufacturer reports. This request, as outlined in the ICAR guidelines, is used to evaluate ongoing certification of all devices. Manufacturers are required to list all devices sold in the marketplace as well report any modifications in design or software for their devices. All ICAR members are asked to provide a report (template provided) identifying the devices in service in their organization as well noting any concerns about performance or operation. The RSD-SC uses this information to bring resolution to reported issues through engagement with device manufacturers where appropriate.