Minutes of the meeting of the ICAR Sheep, Goats and Camelids Working Group
30 April 2021 h. 9.00 – 11.00

Participants
- Antonello Carta
- Elena Ciani
- Eva Ugarter
- Jean- Michel Astruc
- Joanne Connington
- Kevin Mcdermott
- Marco Antonini
- Marija Spehar
- Mauro Fioretti
- Moja Simcic
- Pamela Burger
- Secretary for the minutes: Cesare Mosconi

MINUTES

- Self-presentation by the participants
- Analysis of the different advisory groups within the SG&C WG

CAMELIDS ADVISORY WG
- JM presented slides and presented the Agenda (See Slides)
- Pera Harold (Germany) resigned, Riccardo Negrini replaced Mauro Fioretti
- Hassan Al-Haddad (Kuwait univ.), Carlos pastrana (Cordoba Univ.) in camelids
- Possible applications to join the camelids can be evaluated

MILK RECORDING ADVISORY WG
- Publication of the data
- New platform for data collecting by the member organisation
- Reminding members for data submission
- JM presented data on the recorded population and the submitting data, both for sheep and for goat
- Small presentation of the new platform to collect data
- Examples of the database were provided by JM
- Cesare will advise the WG about the fully operativity of the database. Members to submit data from 2020 or possibly previous ones in case they missed them
- JM presented the newly certified milk meter in 2019 for sheep and goats and their characteristics (low line/high line)

FIBER ADVISORY WG
- Survey on wool traits. Distributed in Prague and distributed to organisations. 10 countries replied
- Proposal by Antonin in about a guidelines on collection center for wool. Great potential interest but present situation in covid time is an obstacle and the idea is in stand-by. Some project piloted by
two italian universities. Marco presented the idea of having a collection centre and he hopes that in few months he could provide more information In this action is involving breeders association and industry and the right contacts have been developed

CAMELIDS ADVISORY WG
- Hassan Al-Haddad (Kuwait univ.) and Carlos pastrana will present their activities, specifically on morphometric evaluation for future Guidelines
- Pamela presented the situation in camelids, the initiative in FAO in this field, the genetic modeling and the last tools for the genomic characterisation such as the Illumina bchip
- He is also working on identifying breeders to develop the guidelines
- She will send to Cesare of a large publication on the survey on phenotype recording for making it available on the ICAR site. Then, Cesare he will advise Pamela about the link for a proper download to the identified users or wider distribution.

MEAT ADVISORY WG
- Different version of Guidelines on reproduction, maternal and meat traits have been circulated until the present draft (#6). The file is proposed for endorsement however further comments can be evaluated. Marija will provide her views to the secretariat by May

SMARTER PROJECT
- Guidelines on resilience in SG due to be produced by Nov. 2022
- The WG will have in October two meetings: one on wool and another one for the resilience

NEXT MEETING
A meeting in October is planned to debate the situation on wool and to discuss the topic of the resilience