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ICAR Sub-Committee for Animal Identification

Teleconference meeting
15 May 2017, 14.00 CEST (Rome time)

- Minutes –

Attendance:

Sub-Committee Members:	Invitees:	Apologies:
Folkert Onken (acting Chair)	Susanne Gäckler (DLG)	Erik Rehben
Martin Burke	Robert Davies (SAIT)	Jonas Persson (RYK)
Kaivo Ilves	Aude Didier (CETIM)	
Jay Mattison	Pieter Hogewerf (IMA)	
Jo Quigley		
Andie Dimitriadou (Secretary)		

1. **Welcome and opening of the meeting**

   The meeting started at 14.10 CEST. Folkert welcomed the participants, and Andie Dimitriadou of the ICAR Secretariat was appointed as rapporteur.

2. **Agenda review/approval**

   The agenda was approved unanimously with the following modifications:

   - Item 'Additional Technologies Group' became a sub-item of item 'ISO WG 3 Update + Meeting in April 17'.
   - Item 'International ID for Genetic Evaluations' was split into three sub-items:
     - 'Inputs from North America regarding international animal ID codes'
     - 'Identify inconsistencies in the document ICAR Standards for animal identities'
     - 'Connection with the WG Animal data Exchange'.
   - Item 'ICAR meeting Edinburgh June 2017' was split into two sub-items:
     - 'Draft agenda ID SC meeting'
     - 'Draft agenda ID SC meeting with manufacturers'.

3. **Approval of Minutes of SC telecon of 21 Mar 2017**

   The Minutes of the Sub-Committee's teleconference of 21 March 2017 were unanimously approved.

4. **New Members Drive/Recruitment**

   - Mexico, USA, Canada: Jay talked to Neil Petreny and Daniel Lefebvre (ICAR Board) about potential members from Canada. Feedback is expected. Jay will also meet Neil Hammersmith who will be retiring from USDA at the end of the year.

- Latin America: Martin/Andie sent emails to ICAR members in Latin America asking for nominations by May 20th. No reply has been received yet.
- Southern Europe, Africa: Erik not present - nothing reported to date.
- Rest of Europe: Folkert and Kaivo provided contacts, which were inserted in the comprehensive list that is available on Bitrix.
- ISO WG3: Susanne and Jonas talked to the Spanish representatives in WG3. Feedback is expected.

Martin suggested to check the participants' list for Edinburgh to identify people to approach for nominations.

Action: All to provide feedback from their contacts as available.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to review the participants' list for Edinburgh.

5. **ID SC Chair recruitment update**

Nothing to report. Martin remains open to suggestions from the Sub-Committee members.

6. **Additional Technologies Group**

See item 11.

7. **International ID for Genetic Evaluations**

- **Inputs from North America regarding international animal ID codes**

Jay highlighted the need to examine the cross overlaps between the USA national codes and the 840 and ICAR codes. Jay suggested to engage Interbull in the discussion. Martin suggested to set up a call with Toine Roozen and Joao Duerr.

- **Identify inconsistencies in the document ICAR Standards for animal identities**

Jonas and Erik not present - nothing reported to date.

- **Connection with the WG Animal data Exchange**

Erik not present - nothing reported to date.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to set up a teleconference for Jo, Erik, Jay, Martin, Toine and Joao.

8. **Device Change Notification**

Regarding the list of criteria for the applicability of the DCN, drafted by the laboratories, Kaivo commented that preliminary assessment should be carried out for devices with changes in the locking mechanism. Susanne agreed that the preliminary test is necessary, followed by either a full or a limited laboratory test.

Pieter suggested to have the preliminary assessment as a separate column in the table so that it is clearer.

Action: Andie and Susanne to modify the table accordingly.

9. **Guidelines 10.7/10.8 final version**

Bob had suggested adding a paragraph regarding the requirement for all samples in a batch submitted for testing to have the same internal electronic components. Andie inserted the paragraph in Section 10.2.4 'Procedures for verifying the ISO conformance of transponders' of the ICAR Guidelines.

Susanne suggested double-checking the document regarding the references to chromium concentration.

Aude mentioned that all references to ISO 7724 must be removed from Section 10.

Pieter mentioned that he will share information about the updated ISO standards as soon as they are available.

Action: Andie to make all the requested changes and send the final version of Section 10 to Cesare to update on the ICAR website and notify ICAR members.

Action: Laboratories to provide the wording to add in the application form regarding the coil technology.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to add the text "All parts of the application form must be filled-in as applicable. Incomplete forms will not be considered" in the applications forms for RFID.

Action: ICAR Secretariat to send back to the manufacturers the application forms that are not fully filled in.

10. Ear tag applicator closing force

Susanne and Jonas did some tests to explore the force required to close the ear tags by hand and a special device. The average maximum insertion force must not exceed 500 Newton. Tests have not been done on animal ears for hygiene reasons.

The test should be included in the ICAR Guidelines, preferable in the context of the Preliminary Assessment.

Action: Andie to include the item in the agenda of the meeting with manufacturers in Edinburgh.

Action: Susanne to provide proposed text for the Guidelines.

11. ISO WG 3 Update + Meeting in April 17

Pieter reported on the meeting of WG3 held on April 26th. Wiene Fokkinga from NEN will take over administrative work for WG3. A new task force, headed by Wiene Fokkinga, has been appointed to work on the agreement with the Registration Authority. SC 19 is not part of this task force.

The updated ISO standards will be published soon.

Pieter brought up the issue of the presence of smart sensors in the market, and the need to develop test procedures for these devices.

Martin brought up the issue of the unshared manufacturer codes, which are close to termination. Pieter suggested freezing the allocation of unshared codes until the issue is discussed with ISO.

- **Additional Technologies Group**

    Christian Schenk has been nominated interim Project Leader, while looking for a replacement for late Mark Tereszczak.

12. ICAR meeting Edinburgh June 2017

The draft agenda for the meeting with manufacturers was reviewed. It was agreed to put items 'Device Change Notification', 'Field Validation' and 'Re-certification' under the 'Promotion' header.

The morning Sub-Committee meeting will be chaired by Jo and Folkert. It was noted that the presence of observers might not be essential, but the Certificate of Quality Expert Advisory Group could advise if anyone would like to attend the meeting.

Action: Andie to share the list of the CoQ group with the Sub-Committee to decide about potential observers.

Action: Andie to update the agenda as discussed and share with manufacturers.

13. Miscellaneous

-     **Georgian case of complications with ICAR-certified ear tags**

Andie reported that the Georgian Competent Authority has applied for Field Validation tests, while carrying out their own tests in the meantime. The results will be compared.

14. Any other business

None.

15. Next meeting

The next Sub-Committee meeting will be held in Edinburgh on 13th June 2017 at 9.00 am local time, and will be chaired by Jo and Folkert.

16. Meeting closure

The meeting was closed at 15.50 CEST with thanks to all participants.