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ICAR Board

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Mister President, Dear ICAR Board Members,

This year we have 20th anniversary since the Central Animal Breeding Station, representing Poland, has been accepted as a member of ICAR. The National Animal Breeding Centre, which is its successor, is continuing the membership. Admittedly the scope of our activities has been changed but we made and still make efforts to participate actively in ICAR activities, not only during annual meetings but between them, sending comments and opinions to documents we received from ICAR.

With great satisfaction we have observed as ICAR, being at first relatively passive, poorly recognizable (excluding its members) organization, was developing and gaining importance in the international arena, became an important partner in contacts with representatives of governmental institutions in EU countries and its Guidelines became over time international regulations.

So, I read with great concern the letter sent by Andrea Rosati in which he explains reasons of his resignation. In particular alarming is information regarding financial matters and a risk that ICAR shall loose its independence from interests of some companies or countries.

Modified membership rules and in consequence growing number of ICAR members, number of tasks for ICAR and Service ICAR Srl. and their budgets require changes in managing such big organization like ICAR and a company like that Service ICAR Srl. became. Although I got the impression that the Board makes efforts to be more independent from members' opinions by lack of information or limited information about decisions it made.

Strategic Plan „Future ICAR”, which, as far as I am concerned, should be accepted by the General Assembly, not only by the Board, has been presented only in form of a pdf presentation; that shows only its general concept. Whereas it is essential not only what should be achieved but in what ways and how fast; and there is no information. Despite the promise expressed during the General Assembly, on the ICAR website there is no Strategic Plan accepted by the Board.

I appreciate extremely, that acting General Secretary provided all members the information about Board's arrangements. I hope that sending the current information about made decisions becomes a rule.

Closing the letter I would like to express once more my concern relating information sent by Andrea Rosati, especially referring the finances, and I expect that the Board will send us credible and honest clarification of allegations and explains to all ICAR members how the ICAR goals will be achieved, at the very latest during the next General Assembly.

I wish the newly elected Board very successful work and I count on the further good cooperation.

Sincerely yours

Leszek Sobolewski
Director of NABC

Cc: acting General Secretary

