



2014 ICAR Board meeting (Webex, 28th August from 07h30 to 08h30 CET)

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

In attendance: Hans Wilmink (President), Jay Mattison (Vice-President), Kaivo Ilves (Vice-President), Marco Winters (Secretary), Laurent Journaux (Treasurer). Board members: Bevin Harris, Neil H. Neilsen, Badi Besbes (apologies for being late); Inspectors: Neil Petreny, Josef Kuçera (late for bad connection); Secretariat: Brian Wickham and Elena Couto.

Apologies received from: Bianca Lind and Japie van der Westhuizen.

Clara Diaz sent draft letter of resignation dates 26th August to be forwarded when official.

Motion: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the draft agenda is approved as presented.

2. Approval of the minutes

Motion: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Board of 29th July 2014 are approved as presented.

3. Matters arising

Review of AQAS proposal.

Jay intending to prepare a short memo about this and the item is moved to the next Board meeting. The Board took note about the current ring test and AQAS proposal with some overlap.

4. Acting SG Report

4.1 Priorities

The priorities were supported as presented in the report. The ASG is requested to provide full information about contracts with employees and contractors at the next meeting in September.



4.2 Future ICAR

a) Terms of Reference (ToR) for Interbull and ICAR Task Force (TF)

L. Journaux wanted to have French organization close to this group and asked to finalize the membership soon. B. Wickham clarified that the ToR cover Interbull and ICAR executive officers.

H. Wilmink asked to approve the ToR taking into account also the remarks sent by N. Petreny and J. Mattison and that the composition being approved later. It is agreed that the President of ICAR, the Chairman of the Interbull Sub-Committee and a representative from Interbull Center/SLU will be part of this TF. All the process will probably take one year.

b) Recruitment of ICAR Chief Executive (CE)

Some feedback from N. Petreny, J. Mattison and M. Winters were sent in advance for this discussion.

It was decided that H. Wilmink, J. Mattison and N.H. Neilsen will be the recruitment committee and will take account of the feedback received.

L. Journaux proposed to use also the national and international network to announce the position.

There were some suggestion on the Job Description (JD) to be considered for the last version. B. Wickham will contact N. Petreny to discuss the job announcement.

M. Winters underlined the importance of having the right candidate also for Interbull. H. Wilmink is involved in this recruitment process and will keep in mind the possibility of sharing this position as discussed previously.

The recommendation of the ASG was accepted considering all the comments received.

4.3 GENOEX PSE proposal

a) Funding

H. Wilmink informed that the decision for funding was moving back to ICAR following the discussion at SERVICE-ICAR Srl (SI) Council level during its last meeting.

The three elements proposed in the ASG report were agreed and accepted.

b) GENOEX PSE business rules TF

L. Journaux indicated that the TF will work on the service but for the financial part the way of management would be mission of the Board(s). He appreciated that this Group will have a strong representation of key ICAR Groups.



The timing to have this TF coming with results will depend on people but it is recommended to endorse the ToR taking into account the suggestions from the Board.

The funding is agreed and the technical level work will start immediately. The relationship between ICAR, Interbull and SI may change in future as a result of work of the Interbull and ICAR Task Force (item 4.2 above).

N.H. Neilsen asked the President and the two VP to prepare a document about how to fund the requests. The President would like to keep these issues separate and allow the TF to undertake the work.

K. Ilves asked some clarification about the reporting of the TF. It was clarified by the President that this TF will report to the Interbull Sub-Committee.

The ToR of the GENOEX PSE Business Rules Task Force were endorsed by the Board.

4.4 Financial

a) Six months to 30th June 2014

E. Couto sent a new version of the balance sheet with the 2013 to 2014 comparison corrected. The Board asked that the forecasts for year-end 2014 be updated based on decisions made in the last six months. This will be presented with third quarter report soon after 30th September.

b) InterBeef genomics Workshop

There were some remarks from N. Petreny about the funding requested and other sponsors. B. Wickham informed that ICBF will support most of the costs of this Workshop through a range of sponsors.

The financial support agreed by the ASG of 1,500 Euro was approved.

4.5 Office accommodation

E. Couto explained that the contract is with SI, and there is no transfer of costs to ICAR so far. The Board will consider this and clarify at next meeting.

The Board endorsed the ASG recommendation to renew the contract for one year and included a second office.

4.6 Legal seat for ICAR and SI

The ASG's recommendation to have a contract with Executive Office for the legal seat was endorsed by the Board.

4.7 Risks and insurance

B. Wickham informed he is in contact with the company and hopeful of being ready to report at the next meeting in September.



Item 8.1 (Staffing and contracts) were postponed to be reported at the next meeting in September.

Item 8.1 (Issues arising from staff meetings) was discussed and the actions proposed by the ASG endorsed on the understanding the more detailed proposals will come back to the Board in relation to item 3 (services).

Item 9 (Membership). B. Wickham informed that the Secretariat is expecting an application from the Dairy Association of China.

4.10 Rosati's email

The Board asked B. Wickham to prepare a letter to go over the signature of the President. It was agreed to keep this letter short.

4.11 Future meetings

a) FAO/ICAR Identification Workshop – South Africa, April 2015

B. Besbes was just back from vacation. He is planning now to go full speed in contact with the Secretariat.

b) Technical meeting – Krakow (Poland), May 2015

Nothing to add. B. Wickham will have a conference call with the Secretariat and the organisers late today.

c) Next Technical meeting (2017) and Session (2018)

The Secretariat circulated the call as agreed.

4.12 Future ICAR Board meetings

The next conference call will take place on Monday 29th September from 7h30 to 8h30 CET.

There is an error in the schedule of the meetings in May, it will be on Tuesday 19th and not Tuesday 18th.

4.13 Location of November meeting

H. Wilmink informed it is good to have this meeting face to face considering how the Board and Secretariat are working, the fact there are three new Board members, and also to strengthen the team working.

The recommendation was endorsed. The meeting will take place in Rome in November with two half days, 18th from 12.00 to 18.00 and on 19th from 8.00 to 12.00, while the SI Council will meet on 18th from 8.00 to 12.00.



5) Any other business

The President thanked for the very good progress.

6) Adjourn

Closed at 8.45.