Notes from the Meeting January 22nd 2014 in Paris between ICAR and EAAP

Participants:
Philippe Chemineau, President EAAP
Jay Mattison, Vice President ICAR
Hans Wilmink, Vice President ICAR
Andrea Rosati, SG EAAP and ICAR
Uffe Lauritsen, President ICAR

Agenda:
Evaluation of agreements between ICAR and EAAP based on documents from 2002 and onwards

Discussion:
PhC exposed the EAAP views on the ICAR-EAAP relationships and did a small point on the relationships between both presidents since he was elected in 2012 (see in annex of these notes).
He raised the point that we need to have a clear view of what both organizations want to do in terms of collaboration between them on the medium term (5 years), before any new engagement into an agreement. For him, the definition of the future common area of collaboration between both organizations is a pre-requisite before any update. Of course, this does not exclude to carefully watch now at the existing documents. This can be done by an internal group rather than by a lawyer who can be useful in a second step to help building and validate the new final agreement.
It was agreed that documents developed over the period, need to be updated.

Conclusion:
It was agreed to form an internal group to evaluate the agreements covering housing facilities, sharing of staff, and sharing of technical facilities.

After definition of the future collaborations between ICAR and EAAP, which will need the validation of the EAAP Council, it was agreed to make a new agreement that is simple as practical; is compliant with Italian law; and voids all previous agreements.

The group will deliver a first draft of an agreement before February 24th, 2014 which can be submitted to the EAAP Council of 21-22 of March at the same time as the projects of future collaboration between both organizations. If the Council agrees, then the objective is to have a final agreement before April 30th, 2014.

The work of definition of a new agreement, after that the draft has been approuved by the EAAP Council, will be carried out accompanied by legal assistance to ensure compliance with international and Italian law.

Legal support for agreement review on behalf of ICAR:
Invited expert selected by Andrea Rosati.

Legal support for new agreement review on behalf of EAAP:
At the choice of EAAP.

Members of the group for developing the new agreement
ICAR:

Jay Mattison, Hans Wilmink

EAAP:
To be submitted once we agreed on the minutes of the meeting and terms of agreement.

Andrea Rosati as SG of ICAR and EAAP

The meeting closed 10:30
Uffe Lauritsen, ICAR

Annex:
Introduction of P. Chemineau at ICAR-EAAP meeting (Paris 22 January 2014)

1. *ICAR and EAAP have a very fruitful collaboration for both organizations (at least for EAAP) since many years.*
2. *As president of EAAP I absolutely want to continue and enrich this collaboration in the future, to adapt to the changing world of animal science and animal production to the future situation, and to face the challenges of a « science for impact » and of the « socio-economic insertion » of animal production.*
3. *The challenge of phenotyping the animals is in front of us and I am sure, as an animal physiologist, that ICAR and EAAP can tackle it jointly, doing a continuum between genes and traits, from the lab to the farm.*
4. *As you also know, the challenge of « agro-ecology », i.e. produce more and better while respecting the planet, is also in front of us. We also can tackle it together.*
5. *Since one year that I am in charge of EAAP, we have a gentlemen's agreement between the president of ICAR (Uffe Lauristen) and me, to compensate the desequilibrium in favor of ICAR, by ICAR funding of common actions, which could simultaneously increase the collaboration between us. We imagine, for example a data basis of ressources and competencies ; common symposia on « hot subjects » (GMO), sharing of animal trai ontology, etc. This has not been done until now but can be done soon.*
6. *I have also proposed in mid-October 2013, that ICAR and EAAP share a deputy secretary general in the office in Rome, who can manage the office under the general supervision of the general secretary, and save costs for both organizations. This proposition is still valid.*
7. *Finally :*
   - *I think that I would be able to convince my council of the strength of the above points*
   - *I would be happy to have an answer to my proposition of deputy SG*
   - *I would be happy if we disgnate a common group to study the conditions of renewal of our agreement*