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RE: Proposal for extended collaboration between ICAR and IDF

Dear Andrea,

I would like to thank ICAR for its proposal for extended collaboration between ICAR and IDF dated 17 October 2013.

As an outcome of the discussions at different IDF meetings at the last IDF World Dairy Summit in Yokohama, Japan in October/November 2013, I am pleased to communicate that IDF greatly appreciates and gladly accepts the proposed collaboration with the ICAR working group on functional traits (WGFT).

It was also agreed that for the moment IDF will not engage with the new ICAR Working Group on Animal Welfare Recording and related activities. IDF would appreciate to be kept informed on how the ICAR work programme in this field will develop further in order to be able to revisit its decision on the basis of more information at a later stage.

Please rest assured that the working relationship with ICAR is of top importance for IDF. Our Technical Director, Mr. Joerg Seifert, will follow-up with you and the leadership of the ICAR working group on functional traits to ensure appropriate IDF participation and collaboration. We are also planning IDF participation at the upcoming ICAR conference, in conjunction with our IDF/ISO Analytical Week, in Berlin in May 2014 in order to strengthen our collaboration and partnership.

Best regards,

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