

ICAR Board

Dear Board Members,

On the 9th of June 2015, the DNA working group has met during the ICAR technical meeting. As a WG, we would like to inform the board of the following situation, dealing with the workload on the WG:

For the last years, the WG has been spending a significant time at the judgement of the questionnaires submitted by laboratories before they can be accredited through ICAR. With the implementation of GENOEX our WG expects a consequential increased number of application as only ICAR-accredited bodies genotyping labs are allowed to upload their data.

Secondly, a number of members of the WG on Genetic Analysis face increasing challenges in as conflicts of interest may arise due to the detailed information provided in the questionnaires.

Hence, we would like to propose to the board to bring the technical evaluation of the questionnaires into the Certificate of Quality. If specific technicalities arise, the WG on Genetic Analysis is available for final judgement.

Finally, we would like to suggest to the Board that a (possibly joint with ISAG) communication is sent out to members of both ICAR and ISAG informing all members that with the implementation of GENOEX our only ICAR-accredited bodies genotyping labs are allowed to upload their data into GENOEX.

Looking forward to your reply,
Sincerley yours,

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Chair of the Genetic Analysis Working Group