

Snorri Sigurdsson nomination to Recording & Sampling Devices SC

Regarding my background: I am born in Iceland in 1968, married and have three "children" (youngest 17 years old). I am a senior advisor for SEGES P/S here in Denmark, working in the Danish Dairy & Beef Research Centre as a specialist in milk quality, milking & milking technique.



I am an educated farmer and got my farmers diploma from the Agricultural College in Iceland in 1990. After that I studied Agronomy in Iceland (B.Sc.) with emphasis on exterior judgment of dairy cows in relation to breeding programs. Then I took my M.Sc. at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University of Denmark in Copenhagen with special emphasis on animal welfare and design of buildings and cattle housing environment.

In 1998 I got my first research job as a guest researcher, for six months, for the agricultural research institute DjF at Bygholm in Denmark working on innovation by developing instruments and methods for testing durability of cubicle mattresses for dairy cows. Late 1998 I went back to Iceland to teach at the Agricultural College in Hvanneyri.

1999 I was hired as the director for the Dairy and beef farmers association (union), giving me a lot of experience handling with the authorities and of course farmers themselves.

After working for them for six years I was hired to manage the merger of four research and teaching farms owned by the Agricultural University of Iceland (AUI): two dairy and beef farms (60 and 40 dairy cows), one sheep farm (700 ewes) and one horse farm. As the manager of the new research and teaching farm I lead a team of 8-15 people doing the normal farm work, working on research or teaching.

In 2009, after the international crises, AUI got founding to start an Innovation Centre (Sproti) within agriculture and I got the unique opportunity to start it up. Very educational time where over 100 new great innovational projects went through Sproti and some of them were put in action leading to several new jobs in Iceland!

In 2010 I got a paid leave from AUI to be able to finish some research projects and to take some courses to brush up my old education. I got the opportunity to have an office facility at The Agricultural Knowledge Centre in Denmark (VFL) and this year I used well working on some unfinished research projects both from myself and other researcher from AUI, took the time to read a lot, took an advisory course at KU-LIFE and used the time to get to know both advisers and others within the Danish agricultural system. Furthermore I wrote many different articles within my field of expertise, both for Icelandic and Danish farmers and professionals.

After my leave in Denmark, fall 2011, I got the opportunity to work as an advisor for Danish dairy farmers for the Knowledge Center of Agriculture (named SEGES from 1. January 2015), and January 1st 2012 I got a job as a milk quality advisor in the middle-east part of Jutland. In that area we have about 420 farms with about 65 thousand dairy cows and a milk production around 620-650 million kg. My main responsibility was to advise farmers within milking technique, milking routines and all aspects of milk quality like bacteria, thermal bacteria, somatic cell count, free fatty acid etc., furthermore to advice farmers on housing design for dairy cattle and design of equipment. As a part of this job I also thought employees to milk, to get the best results for the farmer. This job has given me a superb insight into different milking systems and their design.

In February 2015 I was offered a job as a senior advisor at SEGES, with emphases on milk quality, milking and milking technique. The main goal with the job is to "advise the advisers" and be there as a knowledge bank for the different situations the milk quality advisors in Denmark meet at their farm visit.

All the time, I worked for the AUI, I was in charge of the B.Sc. level 4 ECTS course Agricultural buildings. Furthermore I have been in teaching at many different seminars for dairy farmers and advisers, about almost everything within dairy and beef production, where I have been responsible for the academic value at most of those seminars. The main seminars have been about milking, milking technique and milk quality, animal welfare, cattle housing and housing design. In relation to this emphasis I've have been a tour guide and planner of many study tours to other countries for farmers and other professionals within agriculture.

I have for many years been writing articles about agriculture in a wide contest, because I'm passionate about education and re-education of farmers. Many of those articles have been based on my own research projects or my own experience. I mainly have written articles for the Icelandic Agricultural Newspaper (Bændablaðið), but also for different Agricultural papers in Iceland and Denmark (Freyja, Magasinet KVÆG, KvægNyt, Bovilogisk and Agrar+). Furthermore I have had the opportunity to have many oral presentations on the topics of my expertise, that has also given me great possibilities to meet farmers, researchers and advisors within milk technique, milk quality and animal welfare.

Being Icelandic and having an interest in agricultural technique and milking has giving me a lot of great possibilities to work with colleges from other countries, especially from the Nordic and Baltic countries. Most of this work is within different organizations and presently I'm the vice chairman for technological committee for NMSM (The Nordic Dairy plants Cooperation for Milk Quality), chairman for the technological section of NJF (Nordic and Baltic Association of Agricultural Scientists) and also chairing in the main board of NJF.

I am a very open front person and love to work with people for creating great results.

I have forwarded your mail to my team leader, and hopefully you will get a letter of support soon. I am on my way to China now for 2 weeks to work there for Mengniu dairy (teaching advisers there) but will be back on the 9th of November.

Best regards
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