



THE GLOBAL STANDARD
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**ICAR Chief Executive Report for ICAR Board Meeting
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1 Priorities

1.1 CE and ICAR Team 2017 priorities are:

- ✓ Financial - Quarterly Management Reporting
- ✓ GenoEx PSE & Accreditation - Implement
- ✓ ICAR & Interbull Task Force – implement
- ✓ Sensor Task Force – set baseline/guidelines for members.
- ✓ Guidelines 2017 Project - Revamp
- ✓ Global Reach – Latin America – Support Pilot.
- ✓ Building Bridges with Key Organisations – Foster strategic alliances /agreements; Including EU: IDF; ISO; EFFAB, DG SANCO, ASAD etc.
- ✓ Building ICAR's QMS in line ISO 17065 – ICAR ISO accreditation for S-ICAR as a Certification Body (CB) review further in 2017.

The ICAR Board will hold a **“Goals Setting” meeting in Rome on 10th February 2017**. The CE will prepare a proposed Goals document and circulate in advance of that meeting for the Board's review. Based on the outcome of the Feb 10th meeting, the CE Plans and Goals will be set which will of course cascade down to the Performance Appraisals for all ICAR staff/consultants.

2 Update on Action Items from Previous ICAR Board Meeting(s)

Table 1. Update Action Items that are not addressed in this Nov 29th CE Report

<u>Area</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Status</u>
EU Genetic reference centres for Genetic evaluations	Laurent to send email to Martin and get contact with DG Sante and ICAR on distribution list 'TED call' process.	CE sent request for meeting in early 2017 with Alf-Eckbert Fuessel, Deputy Head of Unit DG SANTE/G2 – Animal Health – await response
MASC	Resubmittal of European Milk Recording (EMR) SIMILAR project	I confirm that Xavier Massart EMR has send in resubmittal on 25/10/16 – we await result from EU review panel.
DNA 'Wet' lab (biosample) and DNA 'Dry' Lab (Data centre) Accreditation	Release 2017 fee structure for both ICAR services	Fee structure for DNA Centre Accreditation set at €300. Awaiting Technical test file from Expert group

		and then will release - either Dec/Jan.
ICAR2020	Board Sub-Group to propose location for ICAR 2020 (Niels, Bianca, Japie & staff)	CE has convened a conference call for the ICAR 2020 on Dec 16 th 0900hrs CET

3 Financials/Budgets 2017

At its meeting on 23rd October, the Board approved the 2017 ICAR and Service ICAR Budgets but requested the detailed back up for each line items of the budget be made available to the Board Members.

To this end CE and staff have created a password (new) protected web space for ICAR and Service ICAR Budgets and back up detail. New Password will be communicated separately.

During 2017 the Quarterly Financial Reports will also be uploaded to this space for Board view.

4 ICAR Board Secretary

With the departure of Marco Winters from the Board the President asked Board members for expressions of interest in the position. Hans to update Board re applications received and nominate the appointment of new secretary to the ICAR Board.

5 Board & Chairs Meeting - Follow up

After the ICAR Board & Chairs meeting held in Chile we conducted a survey to get the participants reactions/input. The full results of the survey are attached (**Appendix 1**) with the key points of feedback summarised as follows;

1. The meeting was very valuable, there is confidence that ICAR is now on a good path and that the Board acts on the feedback given at these meetings.
2. The Group reports are valuable, and more time should be given to discussing them in future either in this type of meeting or through video conference. We need to ensure we clearly hear the views of the Group Chairpersons.
3. The Guidelines workshop was well prepared, and ICAR should now place priority on improving the Guidelines.
4. A similar meeting should be organised for next year in Edinburgh and ensuring a room which is a little larger with better layout, light and ventilation.

CE, Groups Coordinator and ICAR team will now begin to work on the Guidelines 2017 Project.

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6 Groups Updates

6.1 Milk Analysis SC

Preparations are ongoing for our special PT ring test for extra parameters planned for December/January.

CE and Silvia working on 2017 Strategy Document for ICAR MIR Equipment Validation scheme.

6.2 Animal Identification SC

An informal meeting of SC members was held in Chile which was followed by a Manufacturers meeting. Items discussed were;

- ID Country code issues with Interbull / Intergenomics – mini team to review
- Promotions Advisory Group for 2017 - ICAR Certifications Services
- UHF Code numbering – global standard group

These key issues and other routine matters will be discussed in our scheduled ID SC meeting on Dec 12th 2016.

The CE has had some discussions with relevant Board members re possible new Chair for SC ID – plan is to make a proposal to the Board in the New Year.

6.3 Recording & Sampling Devices SC

6.3.1 Sensor TF: On 11th Nov the Sensor TF had a conference call. The following are key actions arising;

- Develop initial 'working' list of Sensors/Systems in our markets – (Clement/Kees/Uffe)
- Do a trawl of recent research/studies on Sensors and summarise – Karl/Silvia.
- Prepare a survey to establish what sensors our DHI members are dealing with in the field. (Martin/Brian/Steven)
- Short survey to other SC' and WG's on which traits are priority. i.e. to Interbull, Interbeef, Feed & Gas, ADE, etc, (Martin/Brian/Steven)
- Reach out to include more Manufacturers / Technologists into TF – at moment only Lely – need to include others – (Uffe/Steven).

Follow up on above at next Sensor TF meeting scheduled for 16th December 2016.

6.3.2 RSD SC Nomination: The SC Chair requests the board to accept nominee Danuta Radzio of the Polish Federation of Cattle Breeders and Dairy Farmers, to be a member of the Recording & Sampling Devices SC. There was an expressed interest to bring expertise from Central/Eastern Europe to the team since the departure of Vladimir Tancin.

Steven's comments "Based on informal discussions with other RSD-SC members, it was an easy decision to approach Danuta about our work. Danuta will bring expertise, complement the group's skills, and will help share the heavy workload ahead for the group which includes guidelines revisions, sensor device guidelines, and AMS shuttle testing. This will be the final member of the RSD-SC."

Attached is a CV from Danuta (**Appendix 2**) and we also received a letter of support from Leszek Hądzlik, President, Polish Federation of Cattle Breeders and Dairy Farmers for Danuta. Steven visited in person with Mr. Hądzlik, outlining the commitment that includes conference calls as well as face-to-face meetings in Rome (February) and Edinburgh (June).

6.4 Interbull/Interbeef

6.4.1 Interbull: The ICAR - Interbull TF met on Sat 22/10 in Chile – the list of actions agreed which was later endorsed by the Board at its 23/10 meeting. Agreed to focus on rewrite of the ICAR – SLU agreement as a priority. The next TF meeting is on December 09th at 1400hrs. The goal is to complete TF by Edinburgh (June 2017).

6.4.2 Interbeef: New Interbeef agreements (1.ICAR-SLU and 2. ICAR-Client) were presented and reviewed by the Interbeef WG in Chile. Some changes were recommended by the WG and these were brought back to Irish legal advisor on 09th November. Subsequent changes were incorporated and final drafts are now for review by Interbeef WG. Once accepted there, the new agreements will be presented to the CAR Board for adoption for 2017.

6.5 Other Groups Updates

6.5.1. DNA Working Group formation – CE and Brian Wickham approached Brian Van Doormaal in Chile and asked him to chair the new DNA WG. He accepted. We now recommend to the Board that Brian Van Doormaal's Chairmanship be approved. We also ask the Board for the approval of the Group Members as nominated and listed in Table 1.

Table 1. DNA Working Group (Chair Brian Van Doormaal)

Full Name	Employer	Country
<u>Brian van Doormaal</u>	CDN	Canada
Andre Eggen	Illumina	France
Suzanne Harding	WHFF	UK
Dariusz Kamola	Polish Federation of Cattle Breeders and Dairy Farmers	Poland
Sandra Kipp	VIT	Germany
RAFFAELE MAZZA	AIA	Italy

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Matt McClure	ICBF	Ireland
Carine Megneaud	Chamber of Agriculture of Brittany Animal Identification Department	France
Romy Morrin-O'Donnell	Weatherbys Ireland Ltd	Ireland
Nilesh Nayee	NDDB	India
EZEQUIEL Luis NICOLAZZI	Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB)	USA
Wim van Haeringen	Dr. van Haeringen Laboratorium B.V	Netherlands

7 ICAR Conferences

7.1 ICAR 2016 Chile:

Conference Abstracts / Presentations now available on ICAR website (Photos to follow)

<http://www.icar.org/index.php/icar-meetings-news/puerto-varas-2016-home-page/>

Post Event Survey sent on 17th November – will share results with Board as soon as sufficient replies received.

Initial Board 'round table' comments on the Chile Conference are welcome

7.2 ICAR 2017 UK (14-16 June 2017):

ICAR CE + secretariat met with Marco Winters, Mike Coffey and LOC coordinator Jenna Porch in Chile.

- Early Bird Registration now open see <http://www.icar2017.co.uk>
- This month's focus is on Program Development.

Further meeting ICAR + LOC UK scheduled 21st November 2016

7.3 ICAR 2018 NZ :

WGALP and ICAR LOC's agreed that we should use a shared infrastructure for promotion, marketing, sponsorship, registrations, program, presentations, social functions and conference tours.

Doing this will: a. reduce the administrative burden of hosting and b. enable us to provide a better conference experience for both of the WCGALP and ICAR

communities. This means we will have a joint conference of ICAR and WCGALP in Auckland. There will be no loss of identity for either, we will maintain separate budgets for each LOC, we will attract a larger audience to both and we will gain some operational efficiencies and cost savings which will be shared. The program structure will **not** change.

7.4 ICAR 2019:

LOC being formed January 2017 – expect final decision on Czech city and dates will be announced February 2017.

7.5 ICAR 2020:

Board sub group of Niels, Bianca and Japie + ICAR staff will hold an 'ICAR2020' Conference call on Fri 16th December at 0900hrs CET (Rome). Initial thoughts are to look at Belgium and/or Netherlands for ICAR 2020 – especially interesting as in 2020 we will have Interbull full sessions with our ICAR conference.

8. Future ICAR and Service ICAR Board Meetings

8.1 Meeting Schedule 2017

After the ICAR Board meeting on Wednesday 26th October 2016, it was agreed to schedule a 'face to face', goal setting meeting of the ICAR Board in Rome on Friday the 10th February 2017, which resulted in the following revised schedule of meetings;

Please note 2000hrs CET (Rome) for all meetings (other than those at conferences/face to face).

Note 1: The practice of recording Board calls/meetings was previously in place to aid accuracy of 'minutes' writing. With an English speaking CE now in place, this practice is no longer required and Board meetings will no longer be recorded.

Note 2: In the interest of best practice communication it is normal for the ICAR staff to be included to attend the ICAR Board meetings – we will continue this practice but also introduce into the schedule a 'Board only section' to enable discussions which perhaps are more appropriate to 'Board only', This will commence at our face to face meeting on February 10th 2017 in Rome.

Table 2. Future Meetings: January 2017 – July 2017.

Org'n	Meeting	Date	Start-finish (CET)	Venue	Notes
S-ICAR	Board	Tue 17/01/2017	19:00 - 20:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 17/01/2017	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Fri 10/02/2017	09:00 – 17:30	Rome	Face to Face
S-ICAR	Board	Tue 21/03/2017	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call

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ICAR	Board	Tue 28/03/2017	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 25/04/2017	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
S-ICAR	Board	Mon 12/06/2017	08:00 - 09:00	Edinburgh, Scotland	Face to Face.
ICAR	Board	Mon 12/06/2017	09:00 - 13:00	Edinburgh, Scotland	Face to Face.
ICAR	Board	Tue 25/07/2017	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call

Martin Burke, Chief Executive,

Date 22nd November 2016.