



THE GLOBAL STANDARD
FOR LIVESTOCK DATA

**ICAR Chief Executive Report for SERVICE ICAR Board Meeting
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1 Service ICAR Goals 2017

The CE and ICAR team have completed their 2016 annual reviews. The team met on January 11th and as a result prepared a first draft of ICAR's Group Goals for 2017. The ICAR and Service ICAR Goals are included in the same hi level document. This first draft is to be shared for input by both the Service ICAR and full ICAR Boards at respective meetings on January 17th 2017.

Appendix 1. ICAR 2017 Goals Document (first draft).

Detailed discussions on ICAR's short to mid-term goals planned for Board's face to face **meeting in Rome on 10th February 2017**. Based on outcome of these discussions the CE Plans and Goals will be set for the year which will of course cascade down to the Performance Appraisals for all ICAR staff/consultants.

2 Financials - 2016 Reports

2.1 Service ICAR 2017 Budgets - Since the last Service ICAR Board meeting on October 23rd 2016 we have created a dedicated Board area for 2017 Budget and associated back up / explanatory detail for each line item. See <http://www.icar.org/Documents/Board/index.htm>

2.2 Financial Reports 2016

ICAR and Service ICAR 2016 financial statements compiled by February 28th and loaded to Board Directory

ICAR Inspectors - week March 6th (Josef and Nell will be notified and scheduled)

Deloitte ICAR Audit - week March 13th (CE meeting with Deloitte in Rome Wed 18th to finalise).

Present all statements/reports to Service ICAR Board 21st March and to ICAR Board 28th March for respective Boards sign off.

3 Groups Updates

3.1 Milk Analysis SC

The Call for ICAR PT 2017 has been sent with closing date Feb 24th 2017 - see ICAR web page (full details, costs etc. available [here](#)).

We have received the statistical elaboration for the special December '16 **New Parameters ICAR PT**. Now the single reports for participants are being prepared and will be sent out in January '17.

ICAR MIR Equipment Validation scheme – CE and Silvia have a call with Harrie van Bijaart on Mon January 16th with a view to developing a 2017 Strategy Document for ICAR's MIR Equipment Validation scheme. CE will give verbal update on this potential new service for Service ICAR.

3.2 Animal Identification SC

A further ID SC meeting was held on Monday 12th December 2016 with main Items discussed were;

- ID Country Codes Guidelines update - Country code issues with Interbull / Interogenomics – mini team to review
- Promotions Advisory Group for 2017 - ICAR Certifications Services

These key issues and other routine matters will be further progressed in our scheduled face to face ID SC meetings in Rome on 08th and 09th February 2017.

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 February/March.

With regards to SI 2017 ID business growth the ICAR team will focus on promotion of ICAR 'Full' test certification and Field Validation Services through Competent Authorities.

3.3 Recording & Sampling Devices SC

3.3.1 Recording Devices Certification.

The following are test lined up to be completed in 2017;

- WMB Lactocorder S Mobile for Cow – FRA test centre
- Lely Shuttle B (Nordic) – NL Test Centre
- Interpuls MMV + control – FRA Test Centre
- Nedap – Dutch TC (may go to German TC if contract issues resolved)

The following companies/products tests are being pursued and may start in 2017;

- Fullwood Fusion – Dutch TC – this is confidential test so Steven has not heard nor seen recent information. We anticipate update in Rome in Feb.
- Panazoo – we will learn more in February when we meet them in Rome.
- Afilite – they are planning on pursuing high line approval
- Boumatic – AMS test with Shuttle A – Steven visited with Boumatic Robotics in December and they have budgeted for 2017 but no paperwork yet
- Waikato Mini Meter –Steven meeting with Dean Bell in January
- Boumatic – Modified test on Perfection 3000 (parts have changed)
- Retest of Hokofarm AMS (Astrea 20.20/SAC Futureline Max) may begin in 2017 but most likely not completed.

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3.3.2. **Sensor TF:** On 16th December 2016 the Sensor TF had a conference call. Since December '16 Reinhard Reents is now also part of the Sensor TF. The following items have been progressed on 16/12;

- **List of Sensors/Systems** in our markets was shared by Clement/Kees/Uffe. Further groupings and categorization required as suggested by Harrie/Kees.
- Summary of recent **Research/studies on Sensors** was presented by Clement/Silvia.
- Two draft **Surveys (one for members and one for SC/WG community)** were developed by Brian W to ask about what sensors our DHI members are dealing with in the field etc. – survey under review by Steven – to be finalised.
- Reach out to include more **Manufacturers / Technologists into TF** – at moment only Lely – need to include others – (Uffe/Steven).
- Next call will be settled on the basis of a Doodle poll. The aim is a meeting in the week commencing January 23rd 2017.
- The plan is an interim report to present in Scotland in June 2017 and a final report ready for ICAR session in Auckland early 2018.

3.4 Interbull/Interbeef

3.4.1 **Interbull:** The ICAR - Interbull TF met again on 09th December '16. The rewrite of the ICAR – SLU agreement is a priority. A mini group of Martin, Reinhard, Toine and Brian W have been asked to work on updating the agreement and a meeting is to be held on 13th January 2017 to address this item. The next full TF meeting is on January 19th at 1400hrs. The goal is to complete TF by Edinburgh (June 2017).

3.4.2 **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 in context of the ICAR-SLU agreement work in 5.4.1 above. Once ready, the new agreements will be presented to the SI & ICAR Boards for adoption for 2017.

3.5 Other Groups Updates

3.5.1. **DNA Working Group** – the first meeting of the DNA WG was held on Mon January 09th 2017. Main items were; Review of the ToRs for the WG, agreeing and setting of priorities which include the release of the Accreditation of DNA Centres*, the PSE services, recessive gene data exchange as well as new technologies. Three meetings are planned between January and June Edinburgh 2017.

* In 2017 we are offering our **new ICAR DNA Data Interpretation Centre Accreditation**. Currently Brian van Doormaal and Matt McClure are finalising the “Test file” which each centre has to pass as part of the accreditation. Also note that this ICAR DNA Accreditation is a prerequisite for entry to the GENOEX program. So far

we have had applications for three centres, **namely VIT, ANARB and CONAFE**. We will promote widely once these have three been through the process.

One key item that the DNA WG want highlighted to the ICAR Board is the issue of the **'Hayes & Goddard' patent**. This patent could have a significant impact on several ICAR members and Interbull clients. In the EU some key ICAR members are already working with EFFAB to challenge this patent application. The role of ICAR could be to provide a platform to help non EU members with a global unified counter argument/approach on the Hayes and Goddard patent and others that may affect our industry. For ICAR Board discussion. I suggest we defer this discussion to the full ICAR Board at 2000hrs on January 17th 2017.

4. Future ICAR and Service ICAR Board Meetings

4.1 Meeting Schedule 2017

Please note SI and ICAR Board meetings in Edinburgh are now on **Sunday** 11th June 2017.

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 1. 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
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

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S-ICAR	Board	Sun 11/06/2017	08:00 - 09:00	Edinburgh, Scotland	Face to Face.
ICAR	Board	Sun 11/06/2017	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 12^h January 2017.