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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 CE and ICAR team have completed their 2016 annual reviews. The team is to meet on January 11th to prepare a 2017 Goals document. The first draft of which will be shared for this January 17th Board meeting.

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 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	Interbull/ICAR to send explanatory letter to all European members. In the letter we recommend that they in turn contact their respective government bodies to propose Interbull for the 2018 call.	Joint letter sent from Hans and Reinhard to all EU ICAR members on 03 rd January 2017. (See Appendix 2. EU Reference Centre for the international genetic evaluation of cattle and supporting the action for Interbull)

MASC	Resubmittal of European Milk Recording (EMR) SIMILAR project	Xavier Massart EMR has send in resubmittal on 25/10/16 – we await result from EU review panel. Time-to-grant for participants is targeted to be six months at most. Last time it took around 3 months to get an answer.
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 in Chile.	Awaiting Technical test file from Expert group and then will release – priority of new DNA WG.

3 Financials 2016 - Schedule

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

ICAR Inspectors March 6th

Deloitte ICAR Audit March 13th

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

4 ICAR Board Succession Planning

As discussed in our Board meeting in Chile, there are a number of key Board positions 'up' in 2018 and 2019, namely, VP's Kaivo and Jay in '18 and President Hans in '19. Also our two Inspectors terms are also up in '18. Attached find

Appendix 3. Summary of Board Members' terms (as of December '16).

Suggest small team from Board to review and make recommendations (Minimum of President and 2 VPs). For Board discussion

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

5 Groups Updates

5.1 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.

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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.

5.2 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 / Intergenomics – 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.

5.3 Recording & Sampling Devices SC

5.3.1 **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;

- Initial 'working' **List of Sensors/Systems** in our markets was shared on 16/12 as developed by Clement/Kees/Uffe. Further groupings and categorization required as suggested by Harrie/Kees.
- Initial 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.

5.4 Interbull/Interbeef

5.4.1 **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).

5.4.2 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 ICAR Board for adoption for 2017.

5.5 Other Groups Updates

5.5.1. 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.

One key item that the DNA WG want highlighted to the ICAR Board is the issue of the **'Hayes & Goddard' patent**. The Hayes & Goddard patent is an application filed by Ben Hayes and Mike Goddard (Australia) at WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) on December 21, 2007. It is entitled ARTIFICIAL SELECTION METHOD AND REAGENTS.

Brian Van Doormaal reports that this patent application has been **approved in Canada** and Brian and CDN are currently in the process of assessing if they should initiate a request for a re-examination of the patent by providing published documents as prior art. Brian also informed the DNA WG that he has learned the **United States Patent office has rejected this application** due to prior art evidence received.

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.

6 ICAR Conferences

6.1 ICAR 2016 Chile:

Results of the Post Event Surveys as sent 17th November are compiled - see **Appendix 4. Report Survey Satisfaction Participants Puerto Varas**. These were shared and discussed with Sergio/Jorge/Carlos in our After Action Review (AAR) follow up call on 14th December 2016. (Also shared with the UK2017 LOC). Overall satisfaction was high see Q 15 for summary.

Conference Abstracts / Presentations now available on ICAR website and the ICAR team are now working on finalising the 'proceedings' for web publication (only).

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

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The CE and ICAR team would like to again thank Sergio/Jorge and the Cooperinsem team for delivering a successful ICAR0216.

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

On January 09th 2017 the ICAR Team met with Marco Winters, Mike Coffey and LOC coordinator Jenna Porch. Summary of progress;

- Early Bird Registration now open see <http://www.icar2017.co.uk>
- Venue for conference is now the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) see <http://www.eicc.co.uk>
- The Program (first draft) is now complete and attached for ICAR's Board review/comment. See **Appendix 5. UK2017 Program 10th January 2017**
- Next steps will be a) call for Sponsors and b) call for abstracts
- Further meeting of ICAR + LOC UK scheduled 30th January 2017

6.3 ICAR 2018 NZ (07-11th Feb ICAR/Interbull and 11th – 16th WCGALP):

CE 'sat in' on the conference call with WCGALP and ICAR LOC's on December 20th 2017. Hi level Summary of 2018 program;

Wed 07th Feb ICAR Board + Chairs
Thu 08th Feb ICAR SC/WG closed meetings
Fri 09th Feb ICAR SC/WG closed meetings
Sat 10th Feb ICAR GA, Plenary & Tech Sessions / PM Interbull Business/Open
Sun 11th Feb Interbull Open/Business and ICAR Tech Sessions
Mon 12th Feb WCGALP Opening + ICAR/Interbull joint sessions
Tue 13th Feb WCGALP concurrent + ICAR/Interbull joint sessions
Wed 14th Feb Technical Tours
Thu 15th Feb WCGALP concurrent sessions
Fri 16th Feb WCGALP concurrent sessions

Previous ICAR meetings have included a separate Interbull registration fee and a combined ICAR/Interbull registration fee. It was suggested that the 2018 meeting include a combined ICAR/Interbull fee (to include Thursday 8 Feb – Sunday 11 Feb) and a combined ICAR/Interbull/WCGALP fee (Thursday 8 Feb to the following Friday 16 Feb). This will require discussion with ICAR and Interbull.

Three proposed options for delegates with respect to fees;

1. ICAR/Interbull only NZD865 (€575) early bird
2. WCGALP only NZD950 (€630) early bird
3. Combined ICAR/Interbull + WCGALP (whole package) NZD1400 (€930) early bird with the 'Standard' fee coming in at NZD1600 (€1,060)

Inclusions: 6 x morning/afternoon teas, 6 x lunches, 1 x Welcome Reception (Friday 9 Feb), 1 x Welcome Reception (Sunday 11 Feb), 1 x Wine and Cheese (Monday 12 Feb) and 1 x Congress Dinner (Friday 16 Feb)
Next meeting NZ 2018 LOC is on 23rd February 2017

6.4 ICAR 2019 CZ:

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

6.5 ICAR 2020:

Board sub group of Niels, Bianca and Japie + ICAR staff held an 'ICAR2020' Conference call on Fri 16th December 2016. The sub- group unanimously agreed that we should pursue 1. Netherlands and/or 2. Belgium for ICAR 2020, especially so as in 2020 we will have Interbull full sessions with our ICAR conference.

CE to follow up with Hans who in turn to talk internally with CRV Board in the first instance.

7. Future ICAR and Service ICAR Board Meetings

7.1 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). Also 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 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

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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
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 10^h January 2017.