



MINUTES SERVICE-ICAR BOARD

(Conference call)

DATE 17TH JANUARY 2017

TIME 19H00 TO 20H00

1. Call to order and approval of the agenda

In attendance: Hans Wilmink, Jay Mattison, Kaivo Ilves, Bianca Lind, and Laurent Journaux.
From the Secretariat: Martin Burke (CE), Charl Hunlun, Elena Couto, Brian Wickham, Andie Dimitriadou and Cesare Mosconi.

Apologies: Silvia Orlandini and Milan Zjalic.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the agenda is approved as presented.

2. Approval of the minutes of 23rd October, 2016

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of 23rd October, 2016 are approved as presented.

3. CE Report

3.1. SERVICE-ICAR Goals 2017

Martin Burke presented the Group Goals for 2017 (Appendix 1). The percentage for services is based on discussions and from background with staff and relevant chairs.

There were some comments referred to the efficiency of the Groups and how to measure it. It is recommended to find a formula, but this will be more for the ICAR full Board.

Action: The CE will send an updated document to the Board for discussion during the face to face meeting on 10th February 2017 in Rome.

3.2. Financials – 2016 reports

The CE informed that since the last meeting a restricted area has been created for financials. The schedule for the checking, auditing, presentation and approval by the Board has been established. The financials 2016 will be ready for sign off by the Board on 21st March 2017. The General Assembly will take place within one month after this date for approval.

Action: The CE will check with Deloitte the type of auditing and cost for S.I.



3.3. Groups updates

Milk analysis SC

The Call for ICAR PT 2017 has been sent with closing date 24th February 2017.

The statistical elaboration for the special December 2016 new parameters is under preparation and the single reports to participants will be delivered in January 2017.

Martin Burke and Silvia Orlandini had a call with Harrie van Bijgaart on 16th January to develop in 2017 a Strategy Document for ICAR's MIR equipment validation scheme. A certain number of big companies have no scheme for validation and are interested in this activity/new process. The idea is to appoint 2-3 laboratories in the World to validate new equipment.

Action: Silvia Orlandini will prepare a summary document for the Board in March including budget.

Animal identification SC

The CE informed about the main items discussed at the last meeting of the SC on 12th December 2016:

- ID country codes guidelines update. A mini team will review the country code issues with Interbull/ Intergenomics.
- Promotions Advisory Group for 2017 ICAR certification services.

These and other routine matters will be progressed during the next face to face meeting in Rome on 8th and 9th February.

For the 2017 ID business growth, the ICAR team will focus on promotion "full test certification and Field Validation Service" through the Competent Authorities.

Recording and sampling devices SC

The CE with the support of Andie Dimitriadou and the Chair of the SC has established a list with the test lined up to be completed in 2017 and a provisional list with tests may start in 2017.

Sensor Device TF: Since last conference call in December 2016 now Reinhard Reents is also part of this TF. The following items have been progressed on this meeting:

- List of sensors/systems in our markets shared by the laboratories; further groupings and categorization required as suggested.
- Presentation of summary of recent research/studies on sensors.
- Two draft surveys developed by Brian Wickham to ask about sensors our DHI members are dealing with in the field.



- Reach out to include more manufacturers/ technologists into the TF.
- Scope is to have an interim report to present in Scotland in June 2017 and a final report ready for the ICAR conference in Auckland early 2018.

Interbull/InterBeef

Interbull: The ICAR/Interbull TF met in December 2016 and pointed out that to rewrite the ICAR-SLU agreement was a priority. A mini group has been asked to work on this agreement and a meeting was scheduled on 13th January to address the item. The goal is to complete the work and close the TF by Edinburgh in June 2017.

InterBeef: New agreements (1. ICAR-SLU and 2. ICAR-Client) were presented and reviewed by the WG in Chile. New changes were recommended by the WG and brought back to the legal advisor and subsequent changes were incorporated and final drafts are now for review in the context of the ICAR-SLU agreement. Once ready the new agreements will be presented to the S.I. and ICAR Boards for adoption for 2017.

Other groups

DNA WG: On Monday 9th January 2017 there was the first meeting of this WG; main items were: i) review of the ToR for the WG; ii) agreeing and setting of priorities which include the release of the Accreditation of DNA Centres; iii) PSE services; iv) recessive gene data exchange, and v) new technologies. Three meetings are planned between January and June 2017.

In 2017 we are offering the new ICAR DNA Data Interpretation Centre Accreditation and the chair, Brian van Doormaal, with the support of Matt McClure are finalizing the “test file”. This accreditation is a prerequisite for entry to the Genoex programme. So far three centres have sent applications: VIT (Germany), ANARB (Italy), and CONAFE (Spain). A wide promotion will be done once these three centres have been gone through the process.

4. Meeting schedule 2017

Martin Burke informed about the change in the schedule for the S.I. Board in Edinburgh; it will be now on Sunday 11th June 2017.

The schedule of next meetings is confirmed as presented in the CE report.

5. Any other business

No other business.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was closed on at 19h40.