



THE GLOBAL STANDARD
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**ICAR Chief Executive Report for ICAR Board Meeting
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NOTE: THOSE PARTS OF THE CE REPORT HIGHLIGHTED IN **YELLOW** BELOW ARE IN THE OPINION OF THE CE THOSE THAT REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION OR BOARD DECISION / APPROVAL.

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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.

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

Table 1. Update on Items that are not addressed in this March 28th CE Board Report

<u>Area</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Status</u>
2.1 EU Genetic reference centres for Genetic evaluations	Interbull/ICAR to send explanatory letter to all European members to recommend that they in turn contact their respective government bodies to propose Interbull for the 2018 call.	Joint letter sent to all EU ICAR members on 03 rd January 2017. Board now awaits proposal /submittal from Interbull. In meantime Laurent to share French list of EU Competent Authority contacts.
2.3 ICAR MIR Equipment Certification scheme	Silvia Orlandini will prepare a summary document for the Board after meetings with Mfr's in March.	Ongoing preparation; FOSS new 'Milkoscan 7 RM' likely first application for Certification.
2.4 ICAR Board succession planning	1. Board to ask President to do an extra year, 2019. (CRV to nominate HW post retirement). 2. The Board will look to appoint Jay Mattison and Kaivo Ilves to one year extensions up to CZ 2019. 3. ICAR Board to seek call for new Board member to be appointed in 2017.	CE has reviewed and all is in line with Statutes, so for 1. and 2.- need to be done in Auckland covering the year up to June 2019 in the Czech Republic. 3. To be actioned asap.

2.5 Hayes Goddard Patent challenge	ICAR to set up a work group to liaise with EFFAB to challenge this patent globally for its members	Bianca Lind heading up with Reinhard Reents. Material being shared and strategy in place to contest the patent.
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3 Financials 2016

3.1 Financial Reports 2016

Appendix 1. CE Commentary on 2016 Financials

The intent of this CE commentary is to complement the detailed reports by providing an overview on 2016. It also serves to share and discuss with the ICAR Board the current 2017 budget and any associated risks and their mitigation.

This report is for consideration by the ICAR Board at its March 28th 2017 'in camera' meeting.

ICAR and Service ICAR 2016 financial statements are compiled and loaded to Board Directory as follows;

Appendix 2. ICAR Balance Sheet 2016

Appendix 3. ICAR Profit & Loss Statement 2016

Appendix 4. Explanatory Notes for ICAR Financials 2016

Appendix 5. Service ICAR Balance Sheet 2016

Appendix 6. Service ICAR Profit & Loss Statement 2016

Appendix 6A. Service ICAR Profit & Loss 2016 (Detailed)

Appendix 7. Explanatory Notes for Service ICAR Financials 2016

3.2 Deloitte External Audit

In the week of the 13th March ICAR and Service ICAR accounts were audited by Deloitte. They will provide a Report and Summary of Findings in time for this Board meeting.

Appendix 8. Deloitte Summary of Findings

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4 Groups Updates

4.1 Milk Analysis SC

ICAR PT 2017: Some 48 Labs answered the ICAR call for 2017 which is a 35% increase on March 2016. Samples have been issued with request to return result by March 17th to ICAR.

ICAR MIR Equipment Validation scheme – ICAR has sent the initial call for interest and relevant application forms to all MIR equipment manufacturers (Foss Bentley, Delta etc). CE and Silvia have meetings with these manufacturers at the AESOS seminar in Rome on 22nd and 23rd March. A verbal update on progress from this meeting will be provided to the Board.

4.2 Animal Identification SC

CE has stepped back from acting Chair of ID SC with chair duties being rotated amongst members in the short term. Jonas Persson will chair the next meeting scheduled for March 21st 2017. The SC sees the addition of new members to the sub-committee as priority to focus on in next three months. Also an invite has gone out to Manufacturers for a meeting with them scheduled in Edinburgh on June 13th 2017.

4.3 Recording & Sampling Devices SC

Sensor TF: Regular meetings continue with the last being held on February 22nd. Main task/actions underway are;

- **Overview/List of Sensors** Clement/Kees/Uffe/Steven.
- **Corresponding Requirements Table** – Setting Accuracy Levels/Limits - Harrie/Silvia/Steven
- Two draft **Surveys (one for members and one for SC/WG community)** under review 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 meeting/call scheduled March 30th 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.

4.4 Interbull/Interbeef

4.4.1. ICAR/Interbull TF: The ICAR Board have indicated that the immediate priority for Interbull now is the securing of the EU Reference call. Once that is done then the Interbull Steering Committee and ICAR will look at

- The refresh and rewrite of the agreement between ICAR and the Interbull Centre in SLU.
- Interbull is using both logos – ICAR and Interbull – in their communication or make reference to ICAR in their logo
- Finish the ICAR Interbull TaskForce in Edinburgh and present results.

The next ICAR/Interbull TF meeting is scheduled for March 29th at 1400hrs. The overall goal is to complete TF by Edinburgh (June 2017).

4.4.2 Interbeef: CE to review with Andrew Cromie how to progress the Interbeef agreements as we need to maintain the Australian and American interests. CE will convene a call to progress in context of 4.4.1 above.

4.5 Other Groups Updates

4.5.1. DNA Working Group – the ICAR Accreditation of DNA Centres is subject to the release of a new data file by Interbull which is currently under test. Three members have applied for Accreditation, namely, VIT, CONAFE and ANARB. Ongoing.

4.5.2. Breed Association (BA) WG – since the last Board meeting on Feb 10th 2017. The ICAR office put out a call for nominations for Chair of the BA WG to all our members. The CE and team have reviewed the applicants/nominations and recommend to the ICAR Board that the nomination of Suzanne Harding be put forward for the position of Chair of the BA WG. See attached **Appendix 9. S. Harding nomination from the WHFF**. The CE asks the ICAR Board to approve this nomination.

5 ICAR Conferences

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

A meeting with the UK LOC and ICAR was held on Feb 20th 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>
- Call for Sponsors has been sent
- Call for abstracts in March

A further meeting with the UK LOC is scheduled for March 20th

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

CE met with the NZ LOC on Feb 23rd. The relevant topics discussed were;

- Registration Fees – revised based on Interbull feedback – accepted by LOC

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- ICAR - LOC agreement – CE sent to LOC for sign off
- Sponsors Prospectus.

Next NZ LOC call with ICAR is on March 22nd

5.3 ICAR 2019 CZ:

Awaiting final decisions from CZ LOC on exact dates and location – Josef to update Board verbally on March 28th.

5.4 ICAR 2020:

ICAR notified the CRV Board that the ICAR Board on its 10th February's 2017 meeting has approved that CRV will host ICAR2020. Confirmation letters were exchanged. ICAR will mention on website and Newsletter.

6. Future ICAR and Service ICAR Board Meetings

6.1 Meeting Schedule 2017

Note: We will continue a 'Board only section' to enable discussions which perhaps are more appropriate to 'Board only'. Staff will be present only for the formal part of the meeting, after which an 'in camera' session will be confined to the Board and CE.

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

Org'n	Meeting	Date	Start-finish (CET)	Venue	Notes
S-ICAR	Board	Tue 28/03/2017	19:00 - 20:00	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 10th March 2017.