



MINUTES ICAR BOARD

ICAR Board meeting (Rome, Italy)

DATE 10TH FEBRUARY 2017

TIME 8H30 TO 10H00 CET

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

In attendance: Hans Wilmink, Jay Mattison, Laurent Journaux, Bianca Lind, Japie van der Westhuizen, Bevin Harris, Niels H. Nielsen, Jorge Lama, Kaivo Ilves, and Daniel Lefebvre. Inspectors: Neil Petreny (on Zoom), and Martin Burke (CE). Staff (only from 8h30 to 10h00): Cesare Mosconi, Andie Dimitriadou, Silvia Orlandini, Milan Zjalic, Elena Couto, and Charl Hunlun (on Zoom).

Apologies: Josef Kučera.

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

2. Approval of the minutes

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Board of 17th January 2017 are approved as presented.

3. CE Report

3.1 Priorities

The priorities were prepared by the CE and Staff and presented at the previous Board for discussion later during this meeting.

3.2 Update on action items from previous ICAR Board

EU Genetic reference centres for genetic evaluation

The CE confirmed a joint letter was sent on 3rd January 2017 to all EU ICAR Members. Niels H. Nielsen informed that Denmark received an official letter asking their support. Will be better to have one single answer from ICAR-Interbull with all ICAR members signatures to support the application, instead of having single answer from each Member/country.

Laurent Journaux advised that the version sent is not official, just a draft for the authorities. The final document will be ready in March 2017.

The EU is looking for candidates in each country with competences to be reference centre. Mid-March there will be a meeting in France with the Ministry, but Interbull is considered the natural



reference centre. The competences required will be enlarged to all breeds and traits, not only populations, and the management of the reference centre should be under EU members. Hans Wilmink proposed a sort of Steering Committee.

Action: Once Interbull have submitted the application, the CE will ask Interbull to draft some bullet points to include in a standard letter that our members could use to communicate to their respective government bodies (to be sure we capture the main points/arguments to support Interbull application).

MASC FTI Project

Martin Burke informed that the coordinator of the Project, Xavier Massart, received on 26th January 2017 a notice from FTI panel informing that the project was rejected.

MIR equipment certification scheme

The CE informed the preparation of the service is on-going and he will have a meeting with three manufacturers on 22nd March in Rome.

Silvia Orlandini proposed to have a test in two phases: laboratory reference check and field test. There will be a new action team for new parameters in routine conditions, but validation value will not be available this year as there is a need to set the scheme. The duration for a test will be six months from start point.

There was a discussion about using joint guidelines with ISO/IDF, and in this case who will be the owner. Jay Mattison also underlines the importance of liabilities.

Action: The CE to ensure contracts prepared by the lawyers for both the laboratories and manufacturers have ICAR's intellectual property and liability well covered in the terms and conditions.

Action: Silvia Orlandini will prepare a summary document for the Board meeting end of March.

ICAR Board succession planning

In the previous Board meeting the President and the two Vice-Presidents were appointed to prepare a proposal; Martin Burke pointed out the conflict looking to their mandates. The matter will be discussed later by the Board only to find the best approach.

Hayes Goddard Patent challenge

As agreed during the last Board meeting, Bianca Lind and Reinhard Reents were appointed so far to work closely with EFFAB, but need other to be co-opted.

Bevin Harris proposed to have a single document to answer globally.



Action: Bianca Lind will discuss with Jan Venneman (EFFAB) details about lawyers and technicians and will report back to the Board.

3.3 Financials 2016

The CE asked to approve the external auditing by Deloitte on 2016 ICAR and SERVICE-ICAR Srl accounts. The total cost for both full auditing will be 9.500 Euro excluding VAT.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the 2016 accounts of ICAR and SERVICE-ICAR Srl will be audited by Deloitte.

Martin Burke informed that the external full auditing is scheduled the week of 13th March 2017; they will provide advise if there is anything to explain/modify, and the statements will be ready for the Board on 28th March 2017. After the approval by the Board, Deloitte will provide in maximum 10 days the certification which will be forwarded also to the Inspectors for their review rather than having them coming to Rome.

Based on this year experience the Board will review what is necessary for 2017.

MOTION: To facilitate the later audit (now week commencing March 13th), it was duly moved, seconded and carried that the Service ICAR Board members move the Service ICAR Board meeting from 21st March to now happen on 28th March at 1900hrs CET.

3.4 Groups' updates

Milk Analysis SC

The CE informed that the call for ICAR PT 2017 first round has been sent with closing date 24th February 2017. This service will be reviewed under the strategy/goals section of this Board later.

Animal identification SC

The SC held face to face meetings in Rome on 8th and 9th February 2016. Key issues and other routine matters were discussed.

The CE informed that the SC decided to have a "rotation" chair among its members since the new chair is not appointed. Next meeting of the SC will be chaired by Jonas Persson.

Hans Wilmink asked the Board members to indicate good candidates for this position.

Recording and sampling devices SC

The SC will hold face to face meetings in Rome on 13th and 14th February 2017 and the CE will report at the next Board meeting.

The services of the SC will be reviewed under the strategy/goals section of this Board later.



Sensor TF: The next call is scheduled for 22nd February 2017 and the plan is to have an interim report to present in Scotland in June 2017 and a final report ready for the ICAR Conference in Auckland in February 2018.

Interbull/InterBeef

Interbull:

The TF appointed a mini group to work on updating the agreement. This mini group met on 13th January and 1st February 2017 to address this item and progress is being made with initial draft underway.

The full TF next meeting is scheduled for 16th February 2017 at 14h00 CET, with the agreement ICAR-SLU as immediate priority. The overall goal is to complete the TF by Edinburgh (June 2017). Hans Wilmlink explained that the Centre is quite busy with the EU Reference application and feedback from the Interbull SC was that the ICAR-SLU agreement would be tackled after this important issue was first resolved. The board recommends to the president and CE to give not too much pressure on integration Interbull in ICAR services at the moment.

To do

- Negotiate a new agreement between SLU and ICAR.
- Interbull Center is using both logos – ICAR and Interbull – in their communication or make reference to ICAR in their logo
- Discuss the state of service fees for ICAR members and non ICAR members in middle term.
- Finish the ICAR Interbull TaskForce in Edinburgh and present results.

InterBeef:

The new agreements (1. ICAR-SLU, and 2. ICAR-Client) were presented and reviewed by the InterBeef WG. Final drafts are now for review in the context of the ICAR-SLU umbrella agreement. Once ready, the new agreements will be presented to the ICAR Board for adoption for 2017.

Other Groups

DNA WG:

The ICAR accreditation of DNA Centres is subject to the release of a new data file by Interbull Centre. As informed during the last Board meeting, three members applied for accreditation (VIT, CONAFE, and ANARB). This file is under test by the DNA WG and is on its second iteration – it is expected to have the test file accepted by end of March 2017.

Breed Association (BA) WG:

Martin Burke presented the call for replacement of the chair following the resignation of Matt Schaffer, the Job description for the chair, and the Terms of Reference for Board review.



The Board endorsed all the documents presented in appendixes.

Bianca Lind requested additional information about the exact objective of this WG. Martin Burke explained this is more like an expert group. All breeds have different views and opinions and the aim is to bring under ICAR all to standardize the information. Laurent Journaux also underlined the importance of this WG to have a clear purpose.

The CE informed that this will be further discussed in the Groups' Efficiency overview will be shared under the strategy/goals section of this Board later.

3.5 ICAR Conferences

ICAR 2017 UK

The CE informed about the progress in the preparation of the ICAR Conference in Edinburgh. Some Board members noted a discrepancy in the schedule of the Board meeting in the programme published by the LOC. Martin Burke confirmed the first Board on Sunday 11th June 2017.

Action: The CE will contact the LOC to correct the information on their web site.

ICAR 2018 New Zealand

The CE informed about the change requested by Reinhard Reents for the Interbull registration options. Brian Wickham will bring this item back to the LOC's next meeting and in turn revert to Reinhard Reents.

ICAR 2019 Czech Republic

The LOC was formed in January 2017 and Josef Kučera expected a final decision on location and dates by end of February 2017.

ICAR 2020

The CE informed that the sub-group unanimously agreed to pursue The Netherlands in the first instance for ICAR 2020. Hans Wilmink has in turn brought to the CRV who has drafted a letter expressing their interest and intent to host ICAR 2020.

Hans Wilmink asked Kaivo Ilves to chair this item.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the 2020 ICAR Conference will be held in The Netherlands.

Action: The Secretariat will send an official letter to inform CRV about the decision of the ICAR Board.



There was a discussion about the duration of the events, especially long when including Interbull meetings. Exhibitors would probably prefer to have shorter conferences. The CE said he had received same anecdotal feedback from Chile. For the upcoming UK 2017 conference this will not be an issue but NZ2018 will again be long – CE to take up with LOC in NZ to contact sponsors for their opinion in advance of the NZ2018 meeting.

3.6 Future ICAR and SERVICE-ICAR Board meetings

Martin Burke asked the Board to re-schedule the SERVICE-ICAR Srl Board on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 19h00, just before the ICAR Board.

Action: The Secretariat will send new information for this conference call.

4. Any other business

There were no other business.

5. Adjourn

The full meeting with staff was closed on at 10h00.