



MINUTES ICAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DATE 14TH JUNE 2017 – EDINBURGH (SCOTLAND, UK)

TIME 8H30 TO 9H45

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

Under the chairmanship of the ICAR President, Hans Wilmink, the General Assembly took place in Edinburgh (Scotland, UK) on Wednesday 14th June 2017.

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

2. Approval of the minutes

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the General Assembly of 26th October 2016 were approved as presented.

3. President's report

The President presented the activities of the association since last General Assembly, with special mention to the Group's progress/updates, ICAR services, and new projects.

Groups

- The DNA WG is active, up and running, working on Accreditation protocols for DNA interpretation centers (prerequisite for GenoEx-PSE). The new chair of the WG is Brian van Doormaal.
- The Animal Identification SC is seeking for a new chair. New appointments this year to the SC are Jo Quigley (NLIS, Australia) and Othon Reynoso Campos (SINIIGA, Mexico).
- The Certificate of Quality Group has been newly formed as expert advisory group–auditor recognition and Juho Kyntaja has been appointed as chair.
- The Functional Traits WG – the chair, Christa Egger Danner, and the Chief Executive holding collaboration meeting with IDF SCAHW this week for a joint approach on Animal Care work items.
- The Animal Data Exchange WG has a new chair, Robert Fourdraine (USA).
- The Breed Associations WG has a new chair, Suzanne Harding (UK).

ICAR services to its members

- ID Field Validation Scheme for Competent Authorities – steady start with 4 countries using service.



- Milk Analysis Proficiency Testing (PT) – in March 2017 some 43 laboratories participated with global representation.
- Milk Analysis Equipment Certification – **NEW!** – in June 2017 the new certification scheme for Milk Analysis Laboratory equipment has been announced.

New projects

- Global Reach – after good meeting in Chile the follow up has been slow. During this session, some meetings are scheduled to regenerate and maintain ICAR visibility in Latin America.
- ICAR–Interbull Task Force. An interim report to the Board has been presented in Edinburgh, with view to finalization in Auckland 2018.
- Sensor Task Force. An interim report to Board has been presented in Edinburgh, with view to final report in Auckland 2018.
- Guidelines revamp 2017/2018. The objective of this project is to redesign the structure and platform for the maintenance and access of the ICAR Guidelines.

4. Financial reports

- 4.1** 2016 Year End Financial Statements. Martin Burke, Chief Executive, presented the balance sheet and profit and loss accounts for 2016.
- 4.2** Inspector's report. Neil Petreny, ICAR inspector, reported to the General Assembly the auditing made by the external firm Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. in March 2017 with fully satisfaction and the recommendation to approve the 2016 accounts.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the balance sheet and profit and loss accounts 2016 were approved as presented.

- 4.3** 2018 Budget. Martin Burke presented a draft proposal of budget for 2018. This proposal will be reviewed with the figures of the third quarter accounts and the final budget will be submitted for approval in writing to the Members late October 2017.

5. Election new Board member

The President informed there were two Board members for re-election of their second mandate: Bevin Harris (New Zealand) and Japie van der Westhuizen (South Africa).

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that Bevin Harris and Japie van der Westhuizen are renewed for their second mandate as proposed.

There is still a vacancy in the Board but the decision was to postpone any decision on an election for this vacant position until 2018.

6. Approval of new By-laws

The President illustrated the changes made in the by-laws for Guidelines and General Assembly. Most of these changes were needed to match with the modifications in the Statutes and the current situation of the Association.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the By-law for Guidelines and By-law for General Assembly are approved as presented.

7. Groups and Guidelines update

Brian Wickham, responsible for Groups' coordination, presented a detail of the changes and updates in SCs and WGs since last General Assembly.

The Members were informed about the changes to the Guidelines proposed by the Dairy Cattle Milk Recording WG. The new text was put up on the web site for Members' comments. Good feedback from Members has been received in the two weeks prior to this General Assembly. The Dairy Cattle Milk Recording WG will review this Members input and it envisaged that the revised text based on this input will be circulated to the members for approval in the fall of 2017.

8. Presentation of new Members

The President welcomed the following new associate Members:

- *Interpuls* (Italy)
- Uniform-AGRI (The Netherlands)

9. Presentation of Certificates of Quality

Charl Hunlun, responsible for this activity, informed that 10 Members applied for the Consultative Review due at midterm.

He presented and delivered the following Certificates of Quality granted since October 2016:

- National Milk Records plc (UK)
- Holstein-UK (UK)

10. Awards

The President delivered the Distinguished Service Award to Erik Rehben, chair of the ADE WG since 2006.



The Distinguished Certificate Award was given to:

Name	Affiliation	Group
Jan-Ake Erikson	Vaxa Sverige, Sweden	AI & RT WG
Japie van der Westhuizen	SASB, South Africa	DCMR WG
Karl Zottl	Noe Genetik, Austria	DCMR WG
Andreas Werner	Germany	ADE WG
Pierre van Rooyen	SASB, South Africa	Goat WG
Franz-Josef Romberg	Germany	Dairy Sheep WG
Susan Tellez	USA	Fiber WG
David Barboza	USA	Fiber WG
Daniel Abernethy	Australia	Interbull SC
Henry Richardson	UK	SC Identification

11. Invitation to the 2018 and 2019 General Assemblies

Bevin Harris, member of the organizing committee, made a presentation of the 2018 ICAR Session to be held in Auckland (New Zealand) from 7th to 11th February 2018. This meeting will be in conjunction with the World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production.

Pavel Bucek, member of the organizing committee, made a presentation of the 2019 ICAR Session to be held in Prague (Czech Republic) in June 2019. The meeting will be jointly organized with IDF.

The President invited since now the ICAR community to attend the next ICAR Sessions.

12. Any other business

There was no other business.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was closed at 9h45.



MINUTES ICAR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DATE 14TH JUNE 2017 – EDINBURGH (SCOTLAND, UK)
TIME 9H45 TO 10H00

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

Under the chairmanship of the ICAR President, Hans Wilmink, the Extraordinary General Assembly took place in Edinburgh (Scotland, UK) on Wednesday 14th June 2017.

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

2. Approval of the new Statutes

The President illustrated the ICAR Statutes which have been updated to reflect the Association's current structure.

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

3. Any other business

There was no other business.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was closed at 10h00.