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**ICAR Chief Executive Report for ICAR Board Meeting
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ALSO ITEMS WILL BE FLAGGED AS EITHER ;

'ITEM FOR FOR BOARD INFORMATION ONLY'

OR

'ITEM FOR BOARD APPROVAL'

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1 Priorities (Item for Board Information only)

CE and ICAR Team 2017 priorities are:

- ✓ Financial Sub Committee - 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) (Item for Board Information only)

Table 1. Update on Items that are not addressed elsewhere in this July 25th 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.	French Dept. Agriculture had some questions on governance of ITBC from outside EU – posed via Laurent to ITBC. ITBC answered in a Letter and ICAR Board copied (see Appendix 1) Awaiting final decision from EU.
2.2 Victoria Agricultural Services Patent challenge	ICAR to set up a work group to liaise with EFFAB to challenge this patent globally for its members	Bianca / Reinhard will await feedback from EFFAB legal team before deciding or taking any further action. TBD
2.3 EU DG Sante ICAR relations	Proposed Action from June 11 th Board that ICAR should arrange a meeting with Alf Fuessel.	CE to arrange visit before end of 2017.
2.4. ICAR 2018 Budget Approval	Move approval to after QTR 3 each year.	CE will check with legal counsel re Italian law if

		any issue with electronic voting by General Assembly. (September 2017)
2.5 ICAR Handbook	Each document to have approval date added	Secretariat to add table with approval dates. (August 2017)
2.6 ICAR Board Nomination process	Board nomination committee to review the 'Board Member Recruitment' document and particularly the section addressing travel support.	Secretariat will assist board nomination committee is updating these documents as required. This could come under the HR Sub Committee TBD. Goal to present to GA in February 2018.
2.7 ICAR Awards	Define guidelines for President award and if other award categories would be of benefit (eg Technical)	This could come under the HR Sub Committee TBD
2.8 ICAR – Service ICAR agreement	The latest and current version is dated January 2009 – needs updating	CE to draft and present to ICAR and SI Boards for review. (August 2017)

3 Financial / Administration

3.1 Financials QTR 2 Update – ICAR (Item for Board information only)

The CE and Finance Sub Committee (FSC) recommended to present a quarterly update to the Board through the year on Actual versus Budget for ICAR.

The Quarter 2 ICAR Actual Versus Budget position (up to June 30th 2017) are reported here;

Appendix 2 (ICAR QTR 2/17 Balance Sheet), - *will be available Jul 20th*

Appendix 3 (ICAR QTR 2/17 Profit & Loss), - *will be available Jul 20th*

Appendix 4 (Explanatory Notes to ICAR QTR2/17 Financial Reports). - *Will be available Jul 20th*

3.2 President update; - (Item for Board Info & Approval)

With Jay Mattison elected President on the 14th June, there is the following proposed new or changed positions in the various sub committees;

- ICAR Board Finance Sub Committee: JM to step back and nominate Neil Petreny as Chair
- ICAR Board Human Resources Sub Committee: JM as President to chair this HR SC. HW to stay on SC

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- ICAR-Interbull Ops Task Force: JM as ICAR President should be part of this TF, HW to continue to chair.

3.3 General Assembly and Extraordinary Assembly 2017 (Item for Board Info & Approval)

The draft minutes of the General Assembly and Extraordinary General Assembly held on the 14th of June are here in **Appendix 5**. These are for Board review and approval.

4 Groups Updates

4.1 Milk Analysis SC (Item for Board information only)

Gavin Scott has resigned as Chair of the MASC. ICAR are issuing a call for nominees. Seek to review nominations and report progress to the ICAR Board in September.

4.2 Animal Identification SC – (Item for Board Approval)

CE recommends Jo Quigley as new Chair of SC ID. **See Appendix 6. CV Jo Quigley**

4.3 Recording & Sampling Devices SC (Item for Board information only)

Sensor TF: Next meeting by conference call Aug 23rd with face to face planned for November 7th in Amsterdam

RSD SC: Face to Face on 08th and 9th November in Amsterdam

4.4 Interbull (Item for Board information only)

ICAR/Interbull TF: Next meeting scheduled August 11th - the key priorities for the Task Force are;

- Release of ICAR Accreditation of DNA Centres & GenoEx-PSE Service
- The refresh and rewrite of the agreement between ICAR and the Interbull Centre in SLU.
- ICAR/Interbull brand logo – integration.

4.5 Other Groups Updates

Animal Data Exchange – (Item for Board information only)

With Robert Fourdraine and Bert van't Land as new leaders of this WG the current focus is call for new members including technologists who are active in this field so as to re-energise the group. Call issued in June with close date of July 10th and the

following new members were nominated and at time of writing are under consideration by chairs for acceptance into the new ADE WG;

Full;

Sven Schierenbeck – Database VIT

Mike Lynch - Database ICBF

Assoc;

Damian Pachoud - Datamars

Harm van der Beek- Uniform Agri

David Bleloch - Shearwell

Dairy Cattle Milk Recording Group – (Item for Board information only)

Groups Coordinator has been working with and coaching Chair Pavel Bucek. We have noticed improved performance, recommend to continue to support and monitor progress for remainder of 2017.

AI Recording Technologies WG: (Item for Board Approval)

Current focus is to re-energise this WG by;

- Putting out a call for new members who are active in this field so as to get activity rates up.
- Revised Terms of Reference for AI Recording Technologies WG – See **Appendix 7** for Board review and approval.
- Chair position to be reviewed in light of Gordon Doak's plan to reduce his workload in 2018.

5 ICAR Conferences (All Items for Board information only)

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

<http://www.icar2018.nz/icar18>

CE met with the NZ LOC on July 05th.

Next NZ LOC call with ICAR is on July 5th 2017

ICAR 2019 CZ: 16th – 21st June 2019

NEW DATES for ICAR2019 – to avoid clash with ADSA which is on from June 23-26th 2019 we have moved ICAR to run from Sunday 16th til Fri 21st June 2019.

Starting with Board Sun 16th June 2019, Mon Tue SC/WG meetings and conference Wed 19th – Fri 21st.

Seeking to run IDF Analytical Meetings in the days Fri 21st til Tue 25th June 2019.

ICAR 2020 NL: 07th – 12th June 2020.

Location Leeuwarden, Netherlands now confirmed with dates from 07th – 12th June 2020.

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6. Future ICAR and Service ICAR Board Meetings (For Board review and approval)

6.1 Meeting Schedule August 2017 – Feb 2018. I received a suggestion at the ICAR 2017 conference that instead of Board meetings at 2000hrs CET, it might be more productive if we could organise it so it occurs 'during the day' for more of the Board and Staff. I've been looking at revised times and would like to run the following calendar options by the Board;

Table 2. Future Meetings: August 2017 – February 2018. (Draft: 12/07/2017)

Org'n	Meeting	Date	Start-finish (CET)	Venue	Notes
Finance SC	Sub-Ctte Board	Tue 22/08/2017	15:00 - 1600	Rome	Zoom call
S-ICAR	Board	Tue 29/08/2017	12:00 to 13:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 29/08/2017	13:00 to 14:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 26/09/2017	13:00 to 14:00	Rome	Zoom call
S- ICAR	Board	Tue 24/10/2017	12:00 to 13:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 24/10/2017	13:00 to 14:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Thurs 30/11/2017	0900:1730	Paris FGE	Face to Face
S- ICAR	Board	Tue 23/01/2018	12:00 to 13:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 23/01/2018	13:00 to 14:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Wed 07/02/2018	0900:1730	Auckland NZ	Face to Face

Martin Burke, Chief Executive,

Date 17th July 2017.