



MINUTES ICAR BOARD

ICAR Board meeting (conference call)

DATE 27TH MARCH 2018
TIME 20H00 TO 21H00

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda

In attendance: Jay Mattison (President), Niels H. Nielsen, Frido Hamoen, Laurent Journaux, Japie van der Westhuizen, Bevin Harris, Jorge Lama, and Bianca Lind. Inspector: Josef Kučera. Staff: Martin Burke (CE), Cesare Mosconi, Charl Hunlun, Silvia Orlandini and Elena Couto.

Apologies: Daniel Lefebvre, Antonio Martins, Kaivo Ilves, Neil Petreny, Brian Wickham, and Andie Dimitriadou.

Jay Mattison asked Bevin Harris to give a short summary under any other business item about balance of 2018 meeting in Auckland.

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 7th February 2018 are approved as presented.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Extraordinary General Assembly of 10th February 2018 are approved as presented.

The Board agreed to delete in the minutes of the General Assembly, the last sentence related to the Statement on ICAR-EAAP-Andrea Rosati Legal Proceedings.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the General Assembly of 10th February 2018 are approved as presented.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the Board of 10th February 2018 are approved as presented.

Action: The Secretariat will circulate the minutes to the Members.



3. Matters arising

Martin Burke informed that the matters arising are detailed in the Chief Executive (CE) report for discussion during the meeting.

Chief Executive report

3.1.Priorities

The priorities for the CE and ICAR Team for 2018 are listed in the CE report and the CE will start to develop a work plan with the team next week during his stay in Rome.

Action: CE to report back to the Board.

3.2. Update on action items from previous meetings

The CE informed about the visit of Interbull Director to Brussels on 5th March 2018. The President and CE had a call with Reinhard Reents; it was a successful meeting and the CE will share with the Board a summary upon receipt from Interbull. Laurent Journaux specified the meeting was with the Permanent Zootechnical Committee. He also informed that Sophie Mattalia from the Interbull Steering Committee attended the meeting of the Council Working Party and reported about the importance of Interbull Center in its role of reference center and the attendance of representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture.

Regarding the Victoria Agricultural Services (VAS) Patent, the Patent Watch (PW) Group of EFFAB (ICAR is represented by Reinhard Reents) held a call on 7th March 2018 and agreed to fill in a further Third Party Observation (TPO) which was submitted on 12th March 2018 referencing "Prior Use" in 2006 publication in Nature Genetics. Bianca Lind confirmed at this stage we can just wait and see new developments. Laurent Journaux informed about a French crop company interested to take action against this patent application, in particular the geneticists from this company are interested in having a meeting as they are interested to include also crops, not only animals. Bianca Lind proposed to put in contact the company with EFFAB.

Action: Laurent Journaux to send to Bianca Lind the contacts for the company in France.

CE listed the different committees agreed by the Board and their current situation:

Human Resources Committee, the Terms of Reference (ToR) were endorsed by the Board on 7th February.

Action: The President will approach Board members to form this Committee.

Governance Committee was agreed by the Board on 7th February 2018.



Action: The President will approach Board members to form this Committee with first task to define the ToR.

Awards Review *ad hoc* Group was agreed by the Board on 7th February 2018 to review the ICAR's annual awards and recognitions.

Action: The President, Kaivo Ilves and the CE to review and revise the criteria for the various awards in time for Prague 2019.

3.3. Financial / Administration and membership

Report 2017 SERVICE-ICAR Srl

The CE presented the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, breakdown of services and explanatory notes of the 2017 financial statements of SERVICE-ICAR Srl (S.I.).

He informed about the good discussion during the S.I. Board and that the 2017 statements were approved. The next step will be the presentation to the S.I. General Assembly for approval with attendance of the full ICAR Board.

The President asked to keep confidential the information provided in the breakdown of services which is for internal use only. Any further question or request for clarification can be addressed directly to the CE by email.

Finance Sub Committee update

The CE informed that no meetings were held since Auckland, but a conference call is scheduled for mid-April, the doodle has been sent, to discuss the quotes received by the Secretariat for financial bookkeeping packages like Sage, Quickbooks and Main Office.

Membership review

The CE with Elena Couto and Charl Hunlun have regular meetings to review the membership process as agreed by the Board on 7th February 2018. At the last meeting it was agreed to tackle under the following headings:

- Definition of full versus associate members.
- Categorizing full members by activity in the ICAR database.
- Reconcile reported animal numbers and activities in the database enquiry with Certificate of Quality (CoQ) numbers.

The next conference call is scheduled on 10th April 2018.

Action: The CE will report to the Board as soon as the new documents are ready.

The CE informed about an application received for associate member by NEOGEN (USA).



Action: The Secretariat will inform NEOGEN about the official acceptance of their membership as an associate member.

3.4.Group updates

Animal Identification SC

The CE and Andie Dimitriadou are working with manufacturers to define the field trial protocol. Good progress has been made on initial work. The draft will be shared with the Sub-Committee in next weeks for review and endorsement.

The ISO WG3 meeting will be in Rome in April 2018 and Andie Dimitriadou will attend in representation of ICAR. The CE and Andie Dimitriadou attended also in video conference the meeting held in February 2018.

Recording and Sampling Devices SC

The CE proposed to modify the process for approval of the newly certified recording devices. The proposal is to share with the Board as “for information only” rather than endorsement.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the reports of newly certified recording devices will be sent to the Board for information only.

Milk Analysis SC

With the resignation of Gavin Scott as chair of the Sub-Committee, the CE with the support of Silvia Orlandini and Brian Wickham are working on individual calls with members of the SC to find a new chair. The CE will report back to the Board in the next months.

The first 2018 round of Proficiency Test was launched and there were 46 participants from 28 countries. For this service a new software was developed to generate automated reports and invoices for dispatch to the clients.

Interbull SC

The CE talked to Reinhard Reents about the ToR which is in process of simplification moving to the Interbull Center SOPs (Standard Operation Procedure) the more detailed operational aspects. The document will be finished and submitted to the ICAR Board for endorsement.

ICAR accreditation of DNA Data Interpretation Centres. Three evaluation centres have been accredited and three others are on pipe line. The CE informed the Secretariat is preparing in collaboration with Interbull Center (Toine Roozen and Reinhard Reents) the launch of the GenoEx-PSE service most probably before June 2018. The organisations interested in joining the service will be required to be an ICAR Accredited DNA Data Interpretation Centre.

The CE informed that at the Interbull Business Meeting on 11th February 2018 endorsed the renewal of the mandate to Sophie Mattalia, member of the Interbull Steering Committee since 2006, for another 4 years.

MOTION: It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the mandate of 4-years term of Sophie Mattalia as member of the Interbull Steering Committee is approved.

The CE confirmed the dates for the upcoming meetings of Interbull as listed in the CE report.

Other Groups updates

Functional traits WG. On 12th March 2018 the CE had a call with the chair of the WG, Christa Egger-Danner, to convene a call to address the recording of welfare traits. It was a good meeting with practical approach outlined, like inclusion of some experts. There will be a follow-up meeting in April 2018.

Sheep, goats and camelids WG. The CE informed that the EU Project prepared by Jean-Michel Astruc, chair of the WG, was successful in gaining, and funding acceptance for the SMARTER project (Small Ruminants breeding for efficiency and resilience) was confirmed.

The coordinator will be INRA (France) and the kick off meeting is scheduled in November 2018 in Toulouse (France). The project will go on until 2022 and the total EU funding support for four years will be approx. €160k.

The partner will be SERVICE-ICAR Srl as business company totally owned by ICAR, and will be involved in the Work packages 6 for recording phenotypes and 8 for supporting dissemination, and guidelines on recording in sheep and goats.

Following discussions with the coordinator, it was agreed to have SERVICE-ICAR Srl as partner to allow the reimbursement of funds for administrative direct expenses of the staff. Jean-Michel Astruc will be paid directly by *Institut de l'Elevage* which is also a partner in the project.

This will be a good opportunity to update our guidelines for sheep and goats.

Niels H. Nielsen asked if any the “in kind” support was requested. Laurent Journaux and the CE confirmed that in Horizon 2020 the funding is 100%.

3.5. ICAR engagement update

The CE reported about his participation since Auckland to different meetings:

- USA National DHIA Annual Business meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Some of the ICAR Board members attended the meeting, as well as representatives from ICAR Members like Uffe Lauritsen (Denmark) and Felipe Ruiz (Holstein Mexico). An update about ICAR was presented during the Annual Meeting and the good engagement of USA and Canada was underlined with over 18 scientists/practitioners involved with ICAR working groups.
- Portugal IAAS UTAD Conference at Vila Real. The CE attended the meeting together with Antonio Martins, ICAR Board member. The CE gave a presentation on ICAR and asking to



receive some more operations staff from Portugal to get involved with ICAR working groups.

Laurent Journaux asked about contacts with BIF, US (Beef International Federation). The CE informed that Andrew Cromie, chair of the InterBeef WG, will be in Colorado in June 2018 attending their meeting and in representation of ICAR.

The CE also informed that after successful meetings in Auckland with Charl Hunlun and the Livestock Research Institute (LRI) of Taiwan there was a follow-up with emails and calls with a view to holding a mini workshop in Taiwan in August 2018 on identification and recording. Vietnam, Indonesia and Philippines will be invited to be introduced to ICAR activities and services. From our associate members, Foss and Caisley, already indicated willingness to participate/sponsor.

Action: The CE and Charl Hunlun will follow-up with LRI the programme and dates and report back to the Board.

3.6. ICAR Conferences

2018 New Zealand. The CE informed that next week the surveys will be closed and finding and learning will be shared with the Board after the After-Action Review (AAR) to be scheduled in April 2018 with the LOC and Interbull.

The President asked Cesare Mosconi to check if possible to still enter in the survey.

Bevin Harris informed the LOC is working on the follow-up budget. The Conference went very well, and the LOC is happy with the attendance and sponsorship.

Regarding the 2019 and 2020 Conferences, the CE informed about good meetings with Josef Kučera, Pavel Buček and Hans Wilmink in Auckland. The Czech Moravian Breeders Association already sent the agreement signed and we are expecting to receive the document signed from CRV soon. It was agreed that the appendix with learnings will be part of the agreement.

For the 2021 Conference the Board agreed on 7th February 2018 that the Committee formed by Board members Bianca Lind, Japie van der Westhuizen and Jorge Lama will review and make recommendations to the Board for a suitable host venue.

Action: The CE will convene a conference call with the Group in April 2018 to start discussions.

3.7. Future ICAR and SERVICE-ICAR Srl meetings

Considering the financial reporting dates for S.I., Martin Burke suggested to cancel the conference calls scheduled on 26th June and 28th August 2018 of S.I. and fix the meeting on Tuesday 24th July 2018 from 19h00 to 20h00. The ICAR schedule remains unchanged.

3.8.AOB

No other matters.



3.9 Adjourn

The meeting was closed at 21h00 and continued restricted to the Board members.