



THE GLOBAL STANDARD
FOR LIVESTOCK DATA

**ICAR Chief Executive Report for ICAR Board Meeting
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1 Priorities (Item for Board Information only)

Table 1. CE and ICAR Team 2018 priorities:

CE Goal Objective	By When;	Internal (I) External (E)
HR Policies Development	December 2018	I
IT upgrade server, security and GDPR compliance	May 2018	I
Select & Implement New Accounting S/W package	September 2018	I
Staffing plan – Technical expertise for future ICAR	December 2018	I
DNA Centre Accreditation – Launch & promote	May 2018	E
GenoEx PSE - release with Interbull	June 2018	E
Engagement – Outreach Program to key partner organisations	Agreed targets 2018	E
Communications – modernise digital channels to members, Press Releases, targeted items, blogs, etc	December 2018	E

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

Table 2. Update on Items that are not addressed elsewhere in this May 29th CE Board Report.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Status/ACTION</u>
2.1 EU DG Sante ICAR relations	Interbull met Zootechnical Committee EC Brussels March 05 th 2018. Awaiting summary of visit to be shared with Board upon receipt from Interbull	MB sent reminder to Toine for few lines / summary of the visit.
2.2 Victoria Agricultural Services (VAS) Patent challenge	New TPO submitted on 12 th March 2018 referencing 'Prior Use' in 2006 (Burdick et al) publication in Nature Genetics.	In May, Bianca passed French 'Seed industry' contacts to Laurent. No further update – keep monitoring with EFFAB PW.
2.3 DHI Future Projects Review ICAR Board Nov 30 th 2018.	ICAR Board had mini breakout session on Nov 30 th meeting on future challenges and opportunities in DHI and how ICAR role can help.	How can ICAR help? ICAR needs to be timely otherwise the technology will be old and already in place with ICAR chasing to certify. ICAR has a practical role.

		Review after ICAR-Interbull meetings 24 th 25 th May, 2018 & Sensor TF meetings June 8 th , 2018.
2.4. Board 'sub committees'	HR Board Committee – ToRs endorsed Feb 7 th , 2018.	Jay will approach selected Board Members to form this HR Committee. Jay, Bianca, Kaivo, Japie, with MB. CE to set up Zoom in next month.
	Governance Committee – Board agreed Feb 7 th , 2018 to convene such a committee.	Jay will approach selected Board Members to form this Governance Committee with 1 st task to define the ToR. TBD
	Awards Review Ad Hoc Group – Board agreed Feb 7 th , 2018 to convene and ad hoc group to review ICAR's annual awards and recognitions.	Jay, Kaivo and Martin to review and revise the criteria for the various ICAR awards in time for Prague 2019. Set up first zoom late August early Sept '18
2.5 Membership Review	Define, categorise by activity our Members in the ICAR Database	Meeting held Apr 10 th – definitions agreed, categorising of Members' Activity underway – follow up meeting held May 15 th . Database in line with CoQ activities ICAR under development.

3. Finance Sub Committee (FSC) update;

FSC meeting held 29th May 2pm CET. Three main items for review/action;

- Accounts Package - contract signed with Quickbooks Online – June start
- Risk Register – further modified based on last months input, traffic light approach
- Financial Inspector – reviewing Job Description

CE will update the board on progress on this May 29th Board call.

4. Sub Committee / Working Group Updates

4.1 Animal Identification SC

Jo Quigley convened meeting of SC held on May 22nd, Items reviewed/ actioned;

- Field Trials Protocol
- Ring Test Labs
- Labs Tech meeting

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New Associate member joined ICAR – it's a company that does Iris-based identification - Shanghai Yutai Info Tech Co.

4.2 Recording & Sampling Devices SC

Steven held a meeting with Test Centres on May 17th. Items they reviewed included;

- Test underway progress/expected delivery times
- The air admission testing protocol
- The carryover testing protocol
- Test protocols for AMS system
- Scheduling of a Test Centre workshop in July (July 9 or 10) in Netherlands.

Next Sensor Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 8th, 2018

Recording & Sampling Devices SC -Membership update : Andrew Fear of LIC has resigned from the SC as he has left LIC and indeed the industry. Steven and Martin looking to replace his position on the SC with member representative from Oceania region.

News: Datamars buy out Tru Test Agri business including Milk Recording section.

4.3 Milk Analysis SC

CE has approached Tony Craven to join MASC but Andy Warne CE of NMR unfortunately informed me the same day I enquired that he left NMR and the industry ! – search goes on for Chair. Work of SC continues under SO and MB stewardship.

ICAR PT 2018 – we have had some issues with service (quality and timeliness) from Actalia our provider of material and statistics – CE will update and review with Laurent.

4.4 Interbull

ICAR Interbull strategy meeting held in London 24th 25th May 2018. Jay will provide update/summary at this Board meeting May 29th.

Interbull SC have simplified the ToRs of the Interbull SC to 3 or 4 pages and moved the more detailed operational aspects into Interbull Centre SOPs. ToRs now to be sent to ICAR-Interbull TF before submitting to Board – at time of writing still pending review subject to London meetings above.

GenoEx-PSE: GenoEx-PSE will be launched before 1 June 2018. Organisation interested in joining the service are required to be an ICAR Accredited DNA Data Interpretation Centre.

Upcoming Interbull Meetings;

Joint Interbull-ADSA Symposium 27 June 2018 (Knoxville, Tennessee, USA)

As part of the 2018 ADSA annual meeting (24-27 June 2018), and Interbull are jointly organising a Symposium on “***Phenotyping and genetics in the New Era of sensor data from automation***”. Further details

on www.adsa.org/2018/program and www.interbull.org/ib/2018_joint_interbull_adsa_symposium.

Interbull Technical Workshop in Dubrovnik, Croatia: 25 and 26 August 2018

The 2018 Interbull Technical Workshop in Dubrovnik will focus on the development of Interbull Services, including “SNPMace”, “Mendelian Sampling Test” and “InterGenomics-Holstein”; (www.interbull.org/ib/2018_technical_workshop).

Joint Interbull-EAAP session at the EAAP meeting in Dubrovnik, Croatia: 27-31 August 2018

EAAP and Interbull will once again organise joint sessions on the first day of EAAP. More info on www.eaap2018.org and www.interbull.org/ib/2018_eaap.

Interbull Annual Meetings

2019, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA (with ADSA): 22-24 June 2019

2020, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands (with ICAR): Interbull Meeting dates tbc

2021, Davos, Switzerland (with EAAP): 28-30 August 2021

4.5 Other Section / Groups Updates

Guidelines Section 1.0 – CE made modifications/clarification as per input from Board on Apr 29th. Changes circulated by email to Board and receiving no further comments the secretariat will bring forward for adoption to the Members.

Certificate of Quality - We have the following auditors' reports that have resulted in Certificates of Quality for Members which have been approved by the CE;

- Bundesverband Rind und Schwein e. V. – BRS (German Livestock Association), Germany (Visit Audit)
- ProAgria Finland (Visit Audit)
- Asociatia Crescatorilor de Vaci Baltata Romaneasca tip Simmental Romania.(Visit Audit)
- Krajowe Centrum Hodowli Zwierząt (National Animal Breeding Centre) Poland (Visit Audit)
- Polish Federation of Cattle Breeders and Dairy Farmers (Consultative Review).

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For Board information only, Auditor Reports available to Board on request. CE would like to express thanks to all auditors for their time and professional expertise in conducting these audits.

5. ICAR 'Engagement' Update (All Items for Board information only)

The CE and others continue to reach out to ICAR members or partners;

Taiwan (CE/Charl Hunlun) – VIP countries (Vietnam, Indonesia and Philippines) inviting ICAR to visit in September. Zoom set up for May 23rd – verbal update to Board.

World Bank - ICAR has been assisting the World Bank in a project they are running called '**Enabling the Business of Agriculture**' and in particular they are doing a survey on the regulatory aspects that effect AI. I have agreed to send an introductory email to these ICAR members who the Worldbank are interested in. The World Bank staff will follow up then with the questionnaire. To this end some of ICAR's members countries will be approached to partake in the survey.

Others from Board members – Verbal on the night.

6. ICAR Conferences (All Items for Board information only)

ICAR 2018 NZ:

After-Action Review (AAR) held May 21st, 2018 – LOCCZ2019 also invited so learnings transferred.

ICAR 2019 CZ: 16th – 21st June 2019

June 16th-21st 2019 (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.

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

ICAR and LOCCZ have signed Conference agreement February 2018

ICAR 2020 NL: 07th – 12th June 2020.

Location Leeuwarden, Netherlands now confirmed with dates from 07th – 12th June 2020. Initial skeleton program under discussion with LOC2020 ICAR and Interbull.

Interbull Director to be part of ICAR team to liaise with LOCNL as programme is prepared.

ICAR 2021 & 2022 :

CE, Bianca Lind, Japie van der Westhuizen and Jorge Lama convened our second zoom call on May 14th to further discuss options for both 2021 and 2022. Some

prospective hosts have been approached and discussions are happening within countries – next meeting planned for June 25th.

7. Future ICAR and Service ICAR Board Meetings

7.1 November Board ‘face to face’ meeting (- for Board Approval)

Proposal is to have the Board meeting on Mon 12th November in Frankfurt -TBD

7.2 Meeting Schedule May 2018 – Nov 2018.

Table 3. Future Meetings: May 2018 – December 2018. (Version 23/05/18)

Org'n	Meeting	Date	Start-finish (CET)	Venue	Notes
ICAR	Board	Tue 29/05/2018	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR CHAIRS	Board & Chairs	Tue 19/06/2018	20:00 - 22:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 26/06/2018	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
S-ICAR	Board	Tue 24/07/2018	19:00 - 20:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 24/07/2018	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 28/08/2018	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 25/09/2018	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
S-ICAR	Board	Tue 23/10/2018	19:00 - 20:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 23/10/2018	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR CHAIRS	Board & Chairs	Tue 20/11/2018	20:00 - 22:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	NOV DATES TBD	08:30 – 17:30 08:30 – 12:30	Venue TBD	Face to Face

Martin Burke, Chief Executive,

Date 23rd May 2018.