



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 2019 priorities:

CE Goal Objective	By When;	Internal (I) External (E)
HR Policies Development – ToRs completed and approved August 2018	First Draft of CE Performance & Compensation at Nov. Board meeting – Ongoing – to be finalised plus 2019 goals	I
Office Relocation to Netherlands & Staffing plan.	Proposal to GA Prague June 2019.	I

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

Table 2. Update on Items that are not addressed elsewhere in this February 26th CE Board Report.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Status/ACTION</u>
2.1 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.	Patent granted in EU, the Patent Watch (PW) group is preparing a new objection EFFAB PW met Oct 09 th 2018 - monitor in 2019.
2.2. Board Committees	Governance Committee – Board agreed Feb 7 th , 2018 to convene such a committee.	Daniel Lefebvre to Chair this Governance Committee. Jay Daniel will approach others to make up the Committee after HR Committee. 1st task is to define the ToR. Ongoing
2.3 ICAR Financial Inspector	CE and staff to send out a 'call' to members in March '19	Review replies with ICAR Board in April/May '19 ahead of GA in Prague June '19

3. Term end dates for ICAR Board Members as of June 2019.

The list of ICAR Board members and their term end dates is attached as Appendix 1.

Appendix 1. ICAR Board Members' Term end dates - June 2019

Summary of Actions required for GA 2019;

- Jorge Lama finishes his 1st term (2015 – 2019) and is up for re-election for a second term
- 'New' Financial Inspector: Neil Petreny's term as ICAR Inspector finishes in Prague June 2019. The Board needs to nominate a new Inspector to the General Assembly then.

4. ICAR Office Move from Italy to Netherlands

CE appointed a small Re-Location team of; Martin Burke, Hans Wilkmink, Frido Hamoen and Elena Couto and gave them the task of project managing the necessary legal and fiscal steps needed as we move from Italy and secondly to make recommendations on new location within The Netherlands. Goal is to present to ICAR Board in May for ultimate approval by EGA in Prague June '19.

Actions taken since last Board meeting;

MB/HW met face to face in Utrecht on Feb 5th to agree initial next 4 weeks actions

Team (MB/HW/FH/EC) had zoom call Feb 14th with following actions in next month;

- Elena review with Italian notary basic legal requirements to move A. ICAR and B. Service ICAR (making reference to our move from Paris to Rome in 2008)
- HW/FH to make initial contact with <https://www.daanlegal.nl/en/> legal team to review various organisational structure options for ICAR in NL.
- HW/MB to start review initial short list of locations and set up some visits – starting with Ede-Wageningen and Utrecht as potential office sites.

Next meeting of Re-location Team is scheduled for March 15th at 11am CET.

5. Guidelines Update: (for Board Approval)

Two Sections of the Guidelines have been worked on by their respective groups and have been circulated to the ICAR Board on 09th February for review and are presented here to the ICAR Board for approval.

Appendix 2. Section 8 Certificate of Quality Guidelines

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Appendix 3. Section 18 Breed Association Guidelines

6. Associate Membership (For Board information)

In February we received two applications for ICAR Associate Membership.

Appendix 4. Z Town Tags, Kazakhstan

Appendix 5. TAPCo IRAN

7. Sub Committee / Working Group / Task Force Updates

7.1 ICAR-Interbull operations team call Jan 31st, 2019

On Jan 31st Martin, Toine, Elena and Joanna had an Ops call to work on how we can improve operational aspects of the ICAR Interbull co dependant processes. A good meeting with the following processes being actioned.

- 1 CoQ Schedule/Gen Eval reports on Bitrix
- 2 DNA Data Interpretation Centre - review
- 3 Number of Cows (to be dealt with by Toine/Elena) – review
- 4 Interbeef Fees (to be actioned by Toine, Martin and Andrew – face to face)

Good progress made on items 1 to 3 with 4 Interbeef face to face to be organised in March possibly Amsterdam. Next meeting of ICAR Interbull Ops to follow up on above is scheduled for 13th March 2019.

7.2 Sensor TF Meeting Zutphen, The Netherlands, Feb 06th 2019

The ICAR Sensor Devices Task Force (SD-TF) met on February 6, 2019 in Zutphen, Netherlands, continuing its work on development of ICAR guidelines for sensor devices and data generated by these systems. This meeting was hosted by QLIP and included a tour of the QLIP laboratories and overview of their programs that focus on quality assurance in the dairy chain.

During the meeting, the SD-TF worked on development of development of a new chapter of the ICAR guidelines focusing on overall statements on data capture and credibility in automatic ID and sensor systems, development of a standard structure for data usability criteria for a different measures and plan for testing and validation of sensor systems. In addition, the SD-TF is investigating a standardized system for coding of devices that may be adopted by national databases as the need to collect the source of the data is as

important as the data itself. Finally, the SD-TF outlined a session that will be held during ICAR 2019 in Prague. The specific presentations will be available as part of the scientific programme when finalized. To learn more details on the actions arising see draft minutes;

Appendix 6. Sensor TF Meeting ‘draft’ Minutes 06th February 2019.

7.3 SMARTER (Sheep & Goat): Feb 13th Jean Michel Astruc, Cesare Mosconi & EAAP Rome

ICAR and IDELE are involved as project partners in the SMARTER (EU Sheep & Goat project) and met with EAAP in Rome on Feb 13th to discuss and agree stakeholder and dissemination strategy for the project. Jean Michel Astruc and Cesare Mosconi represented IDELE and ICAR respectively.

7.4 Animal Identification SC Meeting Brussels, Feb 20th 21st 2019

On Feb 20th and 21st Feb the ICAR Animal ID SC met face to face in Brussels. Chaired by Jo Quigley there was a full turnout with all members including Mexican rep Othon Reynoso and also the three test labs were present (DLG, CETIM and IMA). There was also a guest presentation from a Kaido Kroon EU DG Sante on Animal ID regulations. It was an excellent meeting and Jo and the team have created a work plan for 2019 for the following agreed priorities;

- Expand Membership of SC – esp North American rep
- Develop UHF Test protocol
- Develop strategy for better and targeted engagement with active Competent Authorities
- 2019 Ring test plan
- ID Sensor protocol – link with Sensor TF
- Section 10 Guidelines check and refresh

7.5 Milk Analysis SC Meetings Feb 21st

At the time of writing the MA SC is due to meet on Feb 21st with following items on agenda;

- Calculation model for Proficiency testing providers and laboratories
- ICAR PT 2019 brief updating
- ICAR Reference laboratory requirements
- Validation instrument ICAR protocol and ISO 8196-3/IDF 128-3 revision (FOSS test plan)

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- ICAR Task force on sensor device brief updating
- ICAR conference in Prague 17-21 June 2019 and conference on "Challenges in Creating Additional Value from Milk Analyses" on 20.06.2019
- ICAR MA SC Newsletter for members
- New Member proposition from Eurofins

7.6 Interbull Annual Meeting Dates:

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

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

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.

Registration opened December '18

Programme released December '18

Abstract Call sent January '19

See <https://www.icar2019.cz/> - LOC2019 ICAR met Feb 4th – next meeting to be scheduled in March.

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.

CE attended LOC 2020 meeting by zoom on January 07th 2019 – next call Mar 04th will have two parts – Programme Committee at 10am with CE + Interbull Centre Director Toine Roozen and after at 11am with all LOC 2020.

ICAR 2021 & 2022 :

ICAR 2021: Manuel Luque of FEAGAS confirmed his Board and Ministry of Agriculture have endorsed the decision to host ICAR2021 in Spain.

On 1st February CE and Elena had a call with Manuel and his staff. Three items to be addressed : 1. 'ICAR – LOC Agreement' to be signed, 2. Location in Spain to be selected and 3. Short set of slides to be prepared for presentation to GA in Prague.

ICAR 2022 : CE has sent letter to the three General Managers of our Canadian ICAR members (Canadian Dairy Network, CanWest DHI, and Valacta) asking them to discuss with their respective Board to discuss option of Canada hosting ICAR 2022 – await confirmation from Canadian members.

9. Future ICAR and Service ICAR Board Meetings

9.1 Meeting Schedule Feb 2019 – Nov 2019.

Table 3. Future Meetings: February 2019 – November 2019. (Version 11/12/18)					
Org'n	Meeting	Date	Start-finish (CET)	Venue	Notes
ICAR	Board	Tue 26/02/2019	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
SERVICE ICAR	Board	Tue 26/03/2019	19:00 - 20:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 26/03/2019	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR + SI GA for Accounts	Board	Tue 30/04/2019	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 28/05/2019	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Sun 16/06/2019	08:30 - 13:00	Prague, CZ	Face to Face
ICAR CHAIRS	Board & Chairs	Sun 16/06/2019	14:00 - 18:00	Prague, CZ	Face to Face
ICAR Officers Election	Board	Wed 19/06/2019	10:30 - 11:00	Prague, CZ	Face to Face
SERVICE ICAR	Board	Tue 30/07/2019	19:00 - 20:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 30/07/2019	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 27/08/2019	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call

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ICAR	Board	Tue 24/09/2019	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
S-ICAR	Board	Tue 22/10/2019	19:00 - 20:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 22/10/2019	20:00 - 21:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR CHAIRS	Board & Chairs	Tue 05/11/2019	20:00 - 22:00	Rome	Zoom call
ICAR TBD	Board	Thu / Fri 14 th 15 th Nov '19	08:30 – 17:30 08:30 – 12:30	Venue TBD	2-day face to face

Martin Burke, Chief Executive,

Date 21st February 2019.