



THE GLOBAL STANDARD
FOR LIVESTOCK DATA

**ICAR Chief Executive Report for ICAR Board Meeting
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NOTE: THOSE PARTS OF THE CE REPORT HIGHLIGHTED IN **YELLOW** BELOW ARE IN THE
OPINION OF THE CE THOSE THAT REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION OR BOARD DECISION / APPROVAL.

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

Table 1. Update on Items that are not addressed elsewhere in this February 25th CE Board Report.

<u>Area</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Status/ACTION</u>
1.1 African Animal Breeding Academy (AABA)	Request from newly formed Sub Saharan African organisation to link with ICAR to help them as they coordinate animal recording/breeding.	CE and Japie held call with AABA on Feb 18 th . They will present in Leeuwarden and CE & Japie will convene a meeting with them and other interested parties there.

2. ICAR Office Move from Italy to Netherlands (for Board info)

Last CE update on the 'move' was sent to Board on 14th February. The CE will send update every two weeks by way of improved communication. All feedback/questions welcome.

Appendix 1. NL 'Move' Board update 14th February 2020

The CE will give verbal update on developments in the intervening week.

3. ICAR Strategy Committee / Goals 2020-21 Process

Strategic Alignment: ICAR President had shared the Strategic Alignment document with the Board at its face to face meeting in Utrecht in November 2019.

Appendix 2. ICAR Strategic Alignment (November '19)

Board to again familiarise with this document, this is the reference for CE to develop Goals & Workplans for 2020-2021.

Work Plan 2020/21: The CE has made an initial draft of the areas to address for ICAR for 2020.

Table 2. ICAR 2020 Key Work Areas (Initial draft 18/02/2020)

<u>Area</u>	<u>Comments / Resources</u>	<u>Solution Group(s)</u>	<u>Implementation Date and Probability of Delivery</u>
Complete the orderly closure of ICAR companies in Italy			
Complete review of Business Structure and key contracts			

for ICAR in NL (e.g. rewrite of the ICAR- SLU Contract, etc)			
Build-up the ICAR NL Technical and Admin team – anchor the NL office.			
Review number and efficacy of ICAR's Groups and where necessary disband and reform new as appropriate to ICAR's needs in next 5 years Streamline and prioritise the Projects currently underway in ICAR's SCs and WGs, put in place tracking of same.			
With Chairs and New Technical Project Coordinator identify and new key projects for ICAR			
Renew ICAR's certification brand as we move to Validation in the Field.			

The CE will consult with ICAR SC/WG Chairs & Staff for input on key priorities/projects for they see as important over next two years. (New Tech hire will be crucial in this regard)

Plan is to review this with the President and have draft completed for Board approval in March

ICAR - INTERBULL: ICAR President had shared the INTERBULL Governance document with the Board at its face to face meeting in Utrecht in November 2019.

Appendix 3. ICAR- INTERBULL Summary (November '19)

This is a very useful summary of where we are at with respect to ICAR and Interbull and will provide a very good reference as we rewrite and negotiate the ICAR-Interbull contract. President and CE will work on initial draft ahead of March 03rd meeting in SLU.

4. HR Committee

The President has been working in last weeks with Van Diepen on a new QPlus contract - update board on the night

5. Finance Committee

Niels convened a meeting of the Finance Committee on 17th February where the initial drafts of the 2019 Financial Reports for ICAR and Service ICAR were reviewed. Overall

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numbers are in line with budget for both - CE will take on-board the committee's suggestions for edit/clarification and present to the Board in its March meeting as planned.

6. Governance Committee

The Governance Committee have the following priorities over next months which will be reviewed initially on our Governance Committee call scheduled Feb 26th.

Table 3. Governance Committee tasks

<u>Area</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Status/ACTION</u>
ICAR Financial Inspector	CE and Governance Committee to review requirements on Feb 26 th call CE and staff to send out a 'call' to members in March '20	Review replies with ICAR Board in April/May '19 ahead of GA in Prague June '20
Ask Van Diepen to Review By- Laws with respect to new Articles of NL Association. (less in more)		
Board Member Make-up	Skills/Experience Matrix to be reviewed on Feb 26 th call	Decide plan of action with respect to Board vacancies and make recommendations to the Board
Review Code of Ethics		

7. Sub Committee / Working Group Updates

Proposed New member to Milk Analysis SC (for Board approval)

Christian Reide has taken up a CEO role and will step down from the SC BRS have nominated Wenke Friedrichs of LKV lab as new member to the SC.

Appendix 4. Wenke Friedrichs CV

CE recommends approval of this nomination to become member of the MA SC.

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

Measuring Recording & Sampling Devices. CE would like to inform the Board that SAC device ID3b (with added UniMilco Control Unit) has now been certified. Technical Report are available to Board members on request (andie@icar.org)

Milk Analyser Certification. This week we completed the FOSS grandfather certification for.

- 1_MilkoScan FT6000
- 2_MilkoScan FT plus
- 3_FC

Using independent data from Microval, MPR Qlip and Actalia these were assessed versus ICAR's & ISO's 8196-3/IDF 128-3 protocol for cow milk. Technical Report are available to Board members on request (silvia@icar.org)

EU JRC Primary Reference material for Somatic Cell Count; ICAR advises that the EU Joint Research Centre has launched the new certified (primary) reference material for somatic cell counting. The material is now listed in their on-line catalogue and it is available for purchase [here](#)

The two materials come with their certificates of origin and certificates of analysis. Also the full certification report is available through the above link.

The reference material can be used as:

- calibration material for routine method users;
- quality control material for both reference method users and alternative method users;
- tool to assign values to in-house/secondary reference materials.

A guiding document on these materials is available as well as information on other applications that are under preparation.

The above material is planned to serve as an anchor material for global equivalence in somatic cell counting. This may in certain geographies implicate some shift in counting levels as compared to working with their current anchoring system. It is intended through the joint IDF/ICAR Action Team to come up with guidance on best practices on how to handle such a situation. For further details contact silvia@icar.org

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

ICAR 2020 NL: 08th – 12th June 2020.

Location Leeuwarden, Netherlands now confirmed with dates from 08th – 12th Jun 2020. (ICAR Board meeting, Sun 07th June (AM), ICAR & Board Sun 07th June (PM))

Early Bird Registration is open see www.icar2020.nl

Program is now on-line <https://www.icar2020.nl/program/> and call for Abstracts sent out to Members.

Notes:

Board President and VPs to chair wrap up session on Fri 12th June (as per Prague)

Awards – President Award and Outstanding Contribution Award due in Leeuwarden

Monthly Prog Cttee LOC2020 and full LOC2020 calls being held.

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ICAR 2021 ESP: 07th – 11th June 2021; Manuel Luque of FEAGAS confirmed Toledo in Spain will be the location. (50 mins by train from Madrid). ICAR will conduct CoQ audit of FEAGAS in QTR 2 2020.

ICAR 2022: Daniel Lefebvre confirmed the decision of the new Board of Lactanet has approved the hosting of the ICAR Conference in Canada in 2022. The CE has sent on the standard LOC-ICAR agreement and will work with Canada re necessary next steps.

ICAR 2023: ICAR CE and Board need to start to think about host location for ICAR 2023 – normal process is for Board to ask three or four members to review and make short list for full board to discuss

10. Future ICAR and Service ICAR Board Meetings

Table 1. Future ICAR Board Meetings: February 2020 – November 2020. (Version 17/12/19)

Org'n	Meeting	Date	Start-finish (CET)	Venue	Notes
ICAR	Board	Tue 25/02/2020	20:00 - 21:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call
ICAR & S.I. 2019 Accounts	Board	Tue 24/03/2020	20:00 - 21:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call
ICAR inc S.I 2019 GA for Accounts	Board	Tue 28/04/2020	20:00 - 21:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 26/05/2020	20:00 - 21:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Sun 07/06/2020	08:30 - 13:00	Leeuwarden, NL	Face to Face
ICAR CHAIRS	Board & Chairs	Sun 07/06/2020	14:00 - 18:00	Leeuwarden, NL	Face to Face
ICAR Officers Election	Board	Wed 10/06/2020	10:30 - 11:00	Leeuwarden, NL	Face to Face
ICAR	Board	Tue 28/07/2020	20:00 - 21:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 25/08/2020	20:00 - 21:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call

ICAR	Board	Tue 22/09/2020	20:00 - 21:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call
ICAR	Board	Tue 20/10/2020	20:00 - 21:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call
ICAR CHAIRS	Board & Chairs	Tue 03/11/2020	20:00 - 22:00	Rome/Utrecht	Zoom call
ICAR TBD	Board	November Date TBD	08:30 – 17:30 08:30 – 12:30	Utrecht	2-day face to face

Martin Burke, Chief Executive,

Date 20th February 2020.