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With the present letter we wish to candidate dr. Enrico Carlo Santus as member of the ICAR board.

Enrico needs no presentation in the ICAR environment having been member for 26 years of the Interbull Steering committee, while he is still acting as chairman of the SNP MACE working group.

His leading role in setting up and managing the Intergenomics project made possible for Interbull and ICAR to continue to have a role in the genomic era.

Dr. Santus has received the 2021 Outstanding Contribution Award by ICAR.

Enrico has been managing Anarb by more than 20 years and in his role he has gained a very strong experience in handling both technical and business aspects of the animal production sector. His involvement in the cheese industry, as executive secretary of a consortium of cheese factories, provide him a strong insight in the whole chain of food production from farm to fork.

His main technical background is in Genetic and Genomic evaluations while he dedicated part of his career defining standards for phenotype data collection.

In the past years he has been appointed as L.E.A.R. in two Eu funded multi-million budget research projects ("Quantomics" and "Gene2Farm")





Recently he also acted as Senior Technical Leading Person in a EU funded project with a very large budget dealing with sustainability of dairy production with special emphasis on Biodiversity, Animal welfare and Ecological impact of animal production.

As President of Synergy he is coordinating the effort of expanding the bovine experience also to Equids thanks to the collaboration with several Horse national associations in Italy while he is active since years in providing services to Buffalo Associations in Italy.

Finally he is well known in the sector as a good hearted man with a natural attitude in building lasting human relationships with collaborators at national and international level.

We really believe that the involvement of dr. Santus with breeds other than Holstein and with species other than bovines could provide ICAR additional competences and links with a food production systems that are becoming more complex and adapted to local needs.

All the members of Synergy, full member of ICAR since 2020, fully support their President considering him an excellent candidate for the role of ICAR board member.

Vice-President SYNERGY
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