Animal identification and recording (AIR) systems for traceability and livestock development in sub-Saharan Africa

Program, objectives and expected outputs

14-16 April 2015, Pretoria, South Africa

- October 1997, Anand, India

- August 1998, Warsaw, Poland

- May 2000, Bled, Slovenia

- May 2002, Interlaken, Switzerland

- May 2004, Sousse, Tunisia

- June 2006, Kuopio, Finland

- December 2011, Santiago, Chile

- April 2015, Pretoria, South Africa

The symposium aims to raise awareness of the importance of AIR for livestock development, disease control, trade and food security

Specific Objectives

The symposium offers a unique platform for all partners and stakeholders to :

- Outline the uses, benefits and beneficiaries of AIR

- Discuss past and ongoing regional and national activities (public and private)

- Discuss legal, technical and operational requirements for establishing AIR systems in SSA countries

- Highlight the need and cost-effectiveness of developing multipurpose AIR systems

- Call for actions to foster the implementation of AIR systems in SSA, through public-private partnership

Outputs

- Assessment of applicability of intl standards & regulations in SSA, and recommendations for their adaptation and implementation

- Assessment of past and current projects/programs in SSA, and lessons learned

- Recommendations on tools and technologies to be used, considering the objectives and production systems

- Identification and mapping of major costs and benefits of AIR, and how to optimize economic efficiency

Outputs

- Proceedings of the Symposium produced in English and in French (papers, summaries of group discussions and recommendations), to be published as New ICAR Technical Series

- Presentations uploaded (in .pdf) on ICAR website

Activities

Six sessions:

1. Intl Agreements, Standards and Regulations on AIR

2. Status and trends in AIR in Africa

3. Use of AIR for traceability, animal health, livestock breeding and farm management to ensure food safety and security

4. AIR - tools and technology

5. AIR - tools and technology: the industry's views

   ➢ Posters presentations

6. Planning and Economics of AIR

Activities

- Each session is composed of:

  – Plenary presentations

  – Group discussion (~1 hour)

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- The composition of the groups is dynamic and varies from sessions to session

  ➢ The moderator of each session will announce the group discussion

- The Tea/Coffee Breaks take place at exhibition and posters Hall :

    - Visit the booths of our Symposium partners

    - Interact with them on your specific situation/needs

    - Take time to visit the posters to know about other projects and activities in the region

Please be on time for the start of the Sessions