

ICAR Newsletter

NEW SECRETARY GENERAL

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Professor Jean Boyazoglu

has been appointed as Secretary general of ICAR from May 1st 1997.

Professor Boyazoglu combines this role with the position of Executive Vice President of EAAP (The European Association of Animal Production) responsible for the Rome Secretariat.

The Role of the ICAR Secretary General

The Secretary General of ICAR under the supervision of the ICAR Board and President is responsible for:

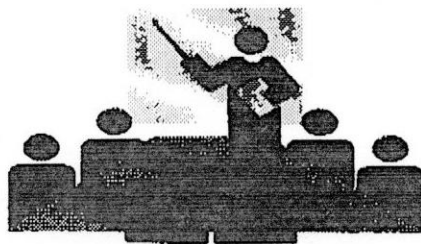
- Overall management of ICAR's affairs, finances, projects and other activities
- Initiating and supervising the activities of ICAR's sub-committees, working groups and any contractors to ICAR
- Liaison with the relevant national and international professional organizations and administrations
- Biennial conferences and specialized meetings and publications

Professor Boyazoglu brings a wealth of experience to the position of Secretary General. In addition to previous experience with ICAR and EAAP he has a distinguished academic record and has worked with FAO and many other International organizations.

Jean Boyazoglu is also fluent in many languages, making him an excellent communicator.

ICAR is fortunate to have so able an ambassador and Secretary General to help take it forward into the next millenium.

ICAR BOARD MEETING



2 The ICAR Board met in Rome on 29/30 November 1997.

In addition to monitoring the work of ICAR the Board discussed several key policy issues.

The Constitution

The Board discussed the question of Membership and decided that in principle ICAR should not be responsible for deciding who should and who should not provide a recording service in a country. It was for the member Countries to determine these issues in their national organizations. The Board recommend that ICAR membership should normally be on the basis of one member organization per country.

In cases where more than one organization was operating in a member country the Board recommend that a second organization could be a member only if there was no overlap of recording activities. In other cases the recording organizations in a member country should form a national organization to represent them in ICAR.

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The Board also discussed how best to handle decision making in ICAR as the organization grows in size and in the scope of the activities covered. The Board feel, and constitutionally it is unnecessary, to have the whole membership vote on technical issues. It was therefore agreed that subject to the approval of the Board, the recommendations of Sub-committees and Working groups will be written into the ICAR guidelines.

Following on from the earlier discussions on the Constitution, the Board will produce a further discussion paper for consideration at the New Zealand ICAR Session

The Special Stamp

The Board discussed the use of the Special Stamp by member organizations. In the past once an organization was inspected and awarded the use of the special stamp, it could continue to use the stamp indefinitely with no further inspection.

The Board decided that there is an undoubted value to the right to use the special stamp and that users should be subject to a periodic review of their use of the stamp. The Board decided that this would best be done by an annual survey of special stamp users which would be designed to ensure that the procedures and checks used were fully consistent with the ICAR rules and Guidelines. In the event of a special stamp user failing to respond to the survey satisfactorily, a check visit of the member organization would be carried out. The members right to use the special stamp would be reviewed by the Board once it had received the report on the check visit.

The Board also discussed the desirability of member organizations achieving special stamp status. The Board concluded that member organizations should be positively encouraged to achieve Special Stamp status as soon as they reasonably could.

The Board also concluded that in the longer term only data from member organizations with Special Stamp status should be included in the Interbull data sets used for the international evaluations. Because several of the organizations currently supplying data to Interbull do not yet have special stamp status, the Board agreed that there should be a phasing in period for this new requirement.

The Board anticipate that it should be possible for those member countries wishing to be inspected for the use of the special stamp to be inspected and to complete the process by the year 2000. Thereafter the Interbull data would be confined to

data supplied by organizations recognized by ICAR as operating to Special Stamp standards.

3 News from the working groups

1. Animal Identification and registration

Dr. Reinhard Pauw reports that two additional manufacturers have passed the RFID code allocation test procedures. Ordicom and Allflex.

At the working group meeting in Barcelona, the group considered draft laboratory and field test procedures for identification systems. Final proposals will be tabled for discussion in New Zealand, following a further meeting of the group.

2. Milk Recording of Buffalo

Dr. Filippo Miglior reports that the group have drafted some general rules for buffalo recording. These will now be considered by the Rules and Guidelines sub-committee.

3. Jar and Meter Sub-committee

The committee have met and reviewed the results of further device tests. An updated list of full and provisional approvals is included in this news letter.

Future meetings

1. 6th International symposium on the milking of small ruminants.

Professor Nicholas P Zervas is organizing the one week symposium which will be held in Athens starting on 26 September 1998. Further details are available from Professor Zervas at: Agricultural University of Athens, faculty of Animal Sciences, 75 Iora Odos. GR-118 55 Greece. Tel. (301) 5294412 Fax (301) 5294413

4 31st ICAR Session in New Zealand

To be held in New Zealand 20 / 23 Jan 1998
Further details available from Valerie Smith at the ICAR 98 Secretariat, Livestock Improvement Corporation Ltd. Private Bag 3016, Hamilton New Zealand. Phone (64) 7 8560901 Fax (64) 78562428 or Email: vsmith@ccm.livestock.org.nz

5 Cattle Recording in the European Union

The EU have recently passed new regulations which require all EU member states to establish cattle databases by 2000. In establishing the new databases the EU will ensure that produce is traceable from farm of origin to point of sale. ICAR which is already recognized by the EU as a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) specializing in animal recording standards will have a key role to play in defining the standards and ensuring that a common approach is taken right across the EU. The use of ICAR standards will also ensure that the same records can also be used internationally.

Flights to New Zealand - January 1998

January is a popular season for travel to New Zealand, please react quickly and contact Mr Daniel Lenderink at Schiphol Business Travel. Singapore airlines cannot hold the seats much longer. Details from Jose' Van Gelder at Wim Wisman's office. (Contact details on Board Member list)

Identity Device update

Table 1 below shows the manufacturer codes allocated by the identification and registration working group to date.

Number	Manufacturer	Code
1	Destron	985
2	Nedap	984
3	Texas Instruments	983
4	Allflex	982 ✕
5	Datamars	981
6	Diehl-Ident	980 ✕
7	Earlsmere I.D	979 ✕
8	Ordicam	978 ✕
9	AVID	977 ✕
10	Gemplus	976 ✕

Note. The allocation of a manufacturers code does not indicate the device is ICAR approved.

Jar and Meter Update

Joseph Crettenand Chairman of the Subcommittee reported to delegates on the status of the jars and meters tested by ICAR. The tables below show the position as at 1st September 1997.

List of approved meters

Meter	Manufacturer
Afikim (Fullflow)	SEA Afikim Israel
Dairy-Manager	Surge Babson Bros Co. USA
Flowmaster 2000/ Alpro Flowmaster Pro	Alfa Laval Agri AB Sweden
JM 100	Alfa Laval Agri AB Sweden
Manuflow 2 and Manuflow 21	AB Manus Sweden
Meltec (Memolac 2)	Westfalia Separator Ag. Germany (Nedap Poiesz BV. The Netherlands)
Metatron	Westfalia Separator Ag. Germany
Molko-Scope MKII	Alfa Laval Agri AB, Sweden
MR 2000 (Combina 2000)	Gascoigne Melotte. The Netherlands
Tru-Test Auto sampler	Tru-Test Ltd. New Zealand
Tru-Test F	Tru-Test Ltd. New Zealand
Tru-Test HI	Tru-Test Ltd. New Zealand
Waikato MK5	Inter Ag. New Zealand
Level Milk Meter	Nedap Poiesa BV. The Netherlands

List of provisionally approved meters

Meter	Manufacturer
Bou-Matic M+ milk meter	Bou-Matic Dairy Equipment Division of DEC International USA
Bou-Matic Perfection 3000	Bou-Matic USA
Favorit International	Agro - Vertriebsgesellschaft GmbH, Germany
Tru-Test HI Fast Empty	Tru-Test Ltd. New Zealand
Tru-Test WB	Tru-Test Ltd. New Zealand

List of meters currently under test

Meter	Manufacturer
Free-Flow	SCR Engineers Ltd. Israel
Lactocorder	Werkzeug- und Maschinenbau Berneck AG. Switzerland
Tru-Test Ezi-Test	Tru-test Ltd. New Zealand.

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Editors note.

Don't forget:

- To return your ICAR Constitutional change and new Special Stamp guidelines Questionnaire to the Chairman of the rules and Guidelines Committee. (Douglas Batchelor) Contact numbers above, or by e/mail as shown below.
- To book for the Newzealand ICAR and Interbull sessions.

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