

PREFACE

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The main purpose of Interbull Technical workshops is to address technical questions pertinent to international evaluations and development in Interbull services, and to provide a forum for a vivid discussion between participants from the Interbull member organizations.

The workshop in Paris dealt entirely with beef genetic evaluations. Research has been performed on **international genetic evaluation of beef breeds and traits**, and results were presented at several occasions. ICAR and its sub-committee Interbull have decided to progress the development of an international genetic evaluation service for beef breeds and traits. The workshop was organized to review the current status of national and international genetic evaluations of beef breeds and traits and to discuss plans and the desired outcome of the three-year project.

This is the third time papers are published in a proceeding following an Interbull Technical workshop. The need to have presentations documented and available from an informal event like this workshop has been acknowledged, and all presenters volunteered to publish their paper in this bulletin.

We would like to thank all participants for their verbal and written contributions. Also we would like to thank the local organizing committee at Institut de l'Elevage for the efforts of making the Interbull Technical workshop in Paris a success.

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