

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 customers.

This was the second workshop dedicated to discuss the use of genomic information in genetic evaluation of dairy cattle, and it was associated with two major events: the International Agricultural Show of Paris and the second Interbull Industry meeting. For this reason, the audience had a quite balanced distribution of researchers, national genetic evaluation experts, dairy genetics industry representatives and dairy production industry representatives.

The local organization of the events was in the extremely competent hands of the France Génétique Elevage team, who took excellent care of all possible details. Their dedication was greatly appreciated by all participants.

The program was organized in a seminar format, and the sessions were named as "Current situation on international genomic evaluations", "Validation of national genomic evaluations", "Genomic reliabilities", "Genotyping technologies" and "Impact of genomic selection on breeding programs". During the Industry meeting (whose papers are also published in the present Bulletin), industry representatives from different segments presented their views about the developments around genomics and discussed the role that Interbull should play in this context.

The Interbull Technical workshop and the Industry meeting were attended by 186 participants from 32 countries. Out of 19 presentations, 15 written articles are included in this Bulletin. Articles are individual, unedited, non-refereed contributions, and are included in the same order as in the programme.

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