Interbull Technical Workshop



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THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR LIVESTOCK DATA Matthew Shaffer Interbull Chair 14-15 February 2023

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Local Organisers

- ANAPRI Dr Daniele Vicario
- AIA Dr Mauro Donda
- Maccarese Dr Claudio Destro
- Interbull Centre

Program Committee

- Pete Sullivan (Chair GPS and FutureMace WG)
- Esa Mäntysaari (Chair Validation WG)
- Gerben de Jong (Chair ITC and NTP WG)
- Valentina Palucci (Interbull Centre)
- Toine Roozen (Interbull Centre)



Technical Workshop Program

Today (14 February 2023)

09:00 - 12:0013:00 - 16:0016:00 - 18:3020:00 - 23:00

New Traits Validation Visit to Maccarese's Farm (Bus leaving at 16:10) Dinner & return to Hotel (Bus leaving the Hotel at 19:30)

Tomorrow (15 February) 08:15 09:00 - 12:00

12:00

13:30

Bus leaving from Hotel **Future Mace** Lunch

Bus leaving to hotel



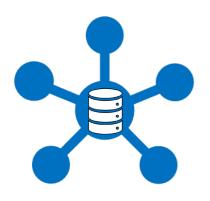


Technical Workshop Participants

- 58 Registrations
- 20 Countries across three continents
- 29 Organisations

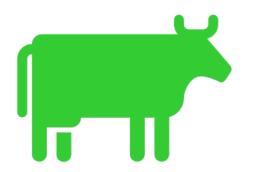


2020-2023 Strategic Plan - Goals



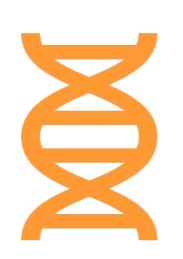
Meeting future data service needs





Defining a new traits pipeline





Providing international evaluations in the genomic era





Continuously improve core services

Strengthening governance

Driving branding and marketing



Thank You



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New Traits Pipeline 14 February 2023

G. de Jong, E. Nicolazzi, V. Palucci, T. Roozen



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- Why interest in new traits by Interbull
- How information on traits is gathered
- Sevices Interbull can provide
- Goal of this session of the workshop

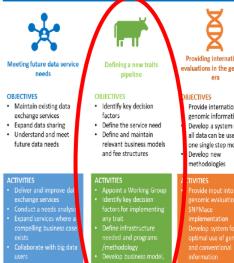


New Pipeline for Additional Traits

From the 2020-2023 Interbull Strategic Plan:

- ✓ Strategic Goal #2: **Defining a new traits pipeline**
- 2021 Steering Committee set up a dedicated working group ➢ G. de Jong (chair), E. Nicolazzi, V. Palucci, T. Roozen
- > Main tasks:
 - Identify key decision factors for implementing any traits
 - Define infrastructure needed and programs/methodology
 - Develop business model, business plan and appropriate fee structure

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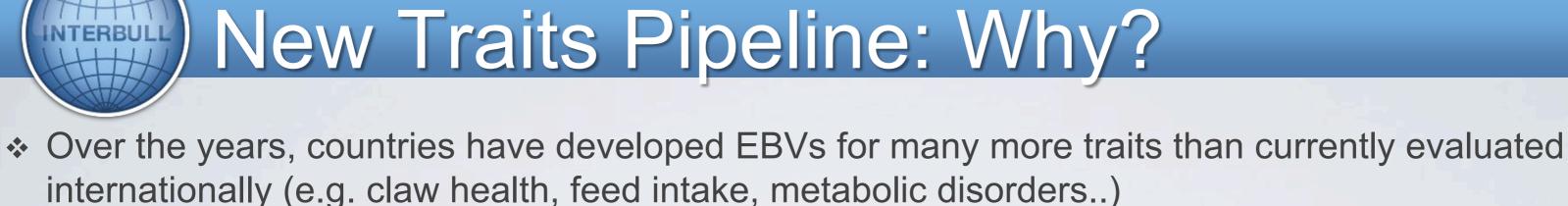


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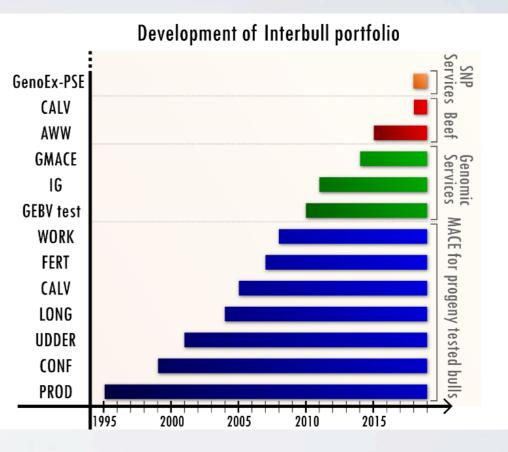
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- Interbull would like to get a better overview of the needs from its members, given that:
 - Different countries are on different stages of: \succ
 - Collecting data 0
 - **Research** phase 0
 - **Developing genomic evaluations** Ο
 - Different scenarios per breeds 0

=> Hence the need to collect your specific feedback on a more routinary basis...



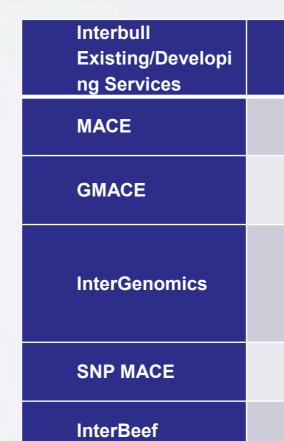


New Traits Pipeline: Why?

- Interbull would like to get a better overview of the needs from its members: trait x type service **
 - Which traits are considered important to have an international evaluation for? \succ
 - Which traits have enough data available? \succ
 - Which traits have a national evaluation (conventional/genomic) in place? \succ
 - Is there a need to combine information (data/EBV) across countries? \succ
 - What service is requested?
 - One of the current available \geq
 - New service \succ

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Service within a specified group of countries \succ





Required Input	Required National Evaluation	Output
Nat EBV + ped	Conventional Evaluation	Int EBV
Nat GEBV + int EBV + ped	Genomic Evaluation	Int GEBV
Genotypes + int EBV + ped	Conventional Evaluation, Genomic evaluation (optional)	DGV, int GEBV, SNPs effects
Nat SNP effects	Genomic evaluation	Int SNP effects
Phenotypes +	Conventional	Int EBV

New Pipeline: Process Overview NTERBULL

 Extract information regarding additional traits' information

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ITBC Report

PREP

DB

- Prepare a report for which breed*traits could be suitable for an international evaluation
 - Will assess if report will look promising

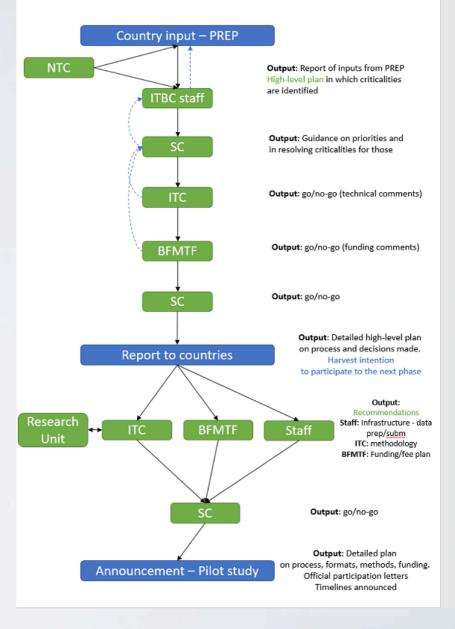
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- ITC
- Will collect more detailed information on the type of data/service needed
 - Will look at right fee structure or business model
 - Final decision if proceeding or not

Report back to countries

 Inform countries on next actions



New Traits Pipeline: Overall Outcome

Main objectives that the new traits pipeline's strategy would like to achieve:

- ✓ Make Interbull Centre closer to members' needs
- Increase dynamics for expansion of Interbull portfolio
- Provide the right service(s) to members
 - Service should be financially viable
 - ✓ Take full advantage of tools already available at Interbull Centre

New Traits Pipeline: Collect information

Help Interbull to find the needs for its members by:

- Make use of the PREP database
- Submit information on traits not currently in Interbull's portfolio but of importance for your breed(s), using the dedicated PREP's other traits online form
- Submit information on All traits Focus on gestation length, retained placenta, milk fever
- > Information collected reviewed and presented, together with the new pipeline's strategy, at this workshop



Workshop

- Share information on traits from survey
 - 3 most mentioned traits -> presentation Valentina
- Discuss with panel value of these 3 traits
- Discuss in groups which service is needed from Interbull
 combination of trait * breed * service
 - 'open' or 'closed' evaluation
- Input for SC how to proceed





PREP: A New Platform For Sharing Performance Recording And National Genetic Evaluations Information

Valentina Palucci Interbull Technical Workshop 2023 – Maccarese, RM Italy



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Outline

- Why sharing of descriptive information?
- A look at the current Interbull GE Form
- Interbull and EURC
- A look at the PREP database
 - Benefits and Scope
 - Other traits information collected
- What's Next

Why sharing of descriptive information?

- Before first international evaluations....
 - Back in the days, the increasing international trade in frozen semen and embryos notably remarked the need for a standardized documentation of methods, as applied in various countries, for genetic evaluation of dairy cattle:
 - In 1985, Interbull Centre performed a very first "survey" among participating countries (25) focusing on production evaluations
 - The results contained detailed information on which traits were included, how they were evaluated and expressed, and the definition of the genetic base with which comparisons were made (*Interbull Bulletin #2*)
 - The purpose of publishing such information was that it should have been used in the international bull catalogues, by AI studs or breeders, and for educational purposes, wherever international information on sire evaluation procedures or breeding programs was needed.

Why sharing of descriptive information?

- After commencing of international evaluations... **
- Specific "National Genetic Forms" have been derived from an initial survey done in 1985 *
 - One form per trait group \succ
 - Later on adjusted also to collect Genomic national information
- Descriptive national genetic evaluation information for each and every traits evaluated internationally ** has been collected and shared on the Interbull webpage with the aim of:
 - Facilitating access of information
 - Transparency of methodologies applied Ο
 - Infer on most common methodologies used 0
 - Provide feedback for countries starting to evaluate, or improving, a given trait Ο
 - Provide support on interpreting international results
 - Provide opportunity for trait harmonization

A look at the current Interbull GE Forms

- Description of national genetic/genomic evaluations are provided via specific forms (GE/GENO)
- Information are made publicly available Interbull website
- Updated at least twice/year every time Changes to the model, data editing or definition are applied



A look at the current Interbull GE Forms

- Limitations of GE/GENO Forms: •
 - One form per trait group
 - Difficult at times to provide same level of detailed information for each individual traits included in the group Ο
 - Set of questions not reviewed in a long time Ο
 - Format of questionnaire dealing only with description of national evaluation for international evaluation
 - Not suitable for including description of phenotype recording 0
 - Not easy to infer if differences do occur between the model meant for national or international evaluation 0
 - Free text
 - Sometimes difficult to identify clear similarities across trait definitions, recording proceedings, methodology applied etc. 0
 - Limited to traits currently evaluated at international level



Interbull & European Union

- Interbull Centre since 1996 Official European Reference Laboratory for Zootechnics
- In 2016 new EU Animal Breeding Regulation (Regulation EU 2016/1012)
- Animal Breeding Regulation addresses, among other things:
 - Rules for the recognition of breed societies and breeding operations and for the approval of their \bigcirc breeding programmes;

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(Text with EEA relevance)

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,



"Rules for the recognition of breed societies and breeding operations and for the approval of their breeding programmes"

What does it exactly mean for Interbull and Interbull Centre?

Closer interaction between EURC and national Competent Authorities (political bodies)

GE Forms and its current platform NOT UP for the job! >Providing necessary platform for <u>any</u> breeding organisations or breed societies in EU to:

• Share publicly their performance recording and genetic evaluation procedures

Assess soundness of the models applied and refer back to C.A.



PREP: The New Interbull Database https://prep.interbull.org

Interbull PREP Database

Please, log in to use the system, or use a supplied direct link to fill in a form as a guest

Welcome to the Interbull Performance Recording, Evaluation and Publication information database!

The PREP database is developed and hosted at the Interbull Centre within the context of the Centre's function as the European Union Reference Centre (EURC) for Zootechnics and enables users to upload descriptive information regarding performance recording, national genetic evaluation systems and publication policies.

The platform is accessible to all European and International Cattle breeding organisations whether or not they are involved in Interbull Centre's International Bull evaluations for dairy (Interbull) and/or beef (Interbeef).

You will need to register in order to access the platform. Contact Interbull Centre (interbull at slu.se) if you require access to it. The latest user manual is available under Help in the menu

Database platform entirely developed and hosted at the Interbull Centre

- Database language: PostgreSQL
- Server side: powered by Python and Web2py
- Client side: developed in JavaScript, jQuery and JSTree
- Enables users to upload descriptive information regarding *Performance Recording, National* Genetic Evaluation systems and Publication Policies.
- Accessible worldwide to all Cattle Breeding Organisations regardless of their involvement with Interbull activities
- β-version released in March 2022

PREP prepares us all for new opportunities

> PREP is widening the scope: sharing information for additional breeds, populations and traits

> **PREP** will, with time, replace the way National Genetic Information (GE) forms will be displayed:

- Descriptive information per *trait* rather than *trait-group*
- Reviewed and Improved/Expanded questions
- Electronic Forms rather than flat files

List of pre-defined answers rather than free text Easy comparison of different information available

Providing information on traits beyond what is included in the current international evaluations

information reported information

Why PREP? What are its Benefits?

- Improving the content, details and quality of
- Facilitating submission and frequency of updated
- Improving harmonization and standardization
- Central part of the newly proposed pipeline for Identifying next suitable traits to be included in the international evaluations



PREP: What is Currently Available

New electronic forms for:

- Organisation's information
- Revised Electronic GE forms for:
 - **Production Traits** (milk, fat, protein)
 - **Calving Traits** (calving ease, stillbirth direct & maternal)
 - **Beef Adjusted Weaning Weight**
 - **Beef Calving**
 - All forms populated with the latest GE's information available Ο
 - Other traits to be considered for international evaluation



Forms

Create new form

Organization

Other Traits

BEEF Calving



PREP Overview Log out

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1. Organization Info show/hide

Provide information about your organization Fill in blank form | View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 20 (63)

2. GE Dairy forms show/hide

GE Dairy Calving Fill in blank form View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 34 (77)

GE Dairy Production Fill in blank form View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 65 (133)

3. Additional Info show/hide

Provide information for additional traits to be considered for expansion of the Interbull portfolio

(for dairy or Beef evaluations) Fill in blank form View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 137 (109)

4. BEEF Forms show/hide

Fill in blank form View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 0 (9)

BEEF Live Animal Weight Fill in blank form View latest submissions

Submissions (drafts): 0 (23)



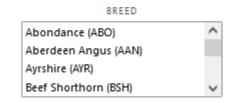
A Quick Look at How It Works

- Each electronic form is made up of a series of questions in a tree-structure **
- The tree-structure gets created ad-hoc depending on the number of breeds/traits defined by the user **

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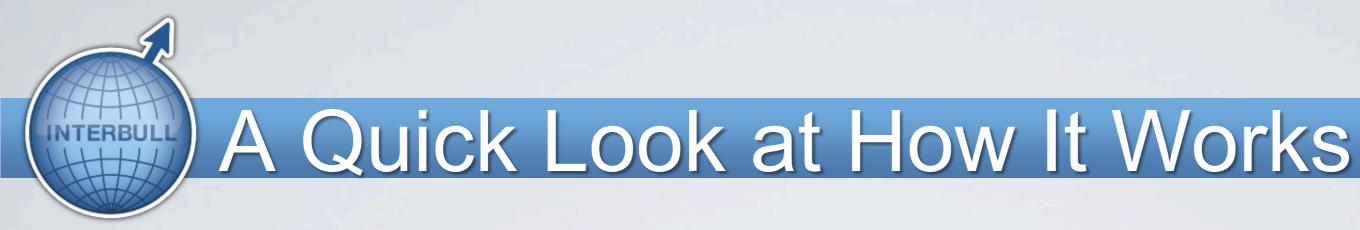


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Add



- Special built-in functionalities allows copying of answers between multiple sections Possibility to further edit copied answers to adjust them to any specific breed/trait situation
- Possibility to either save partially filled form (for resuming work later on) or submit completed ones

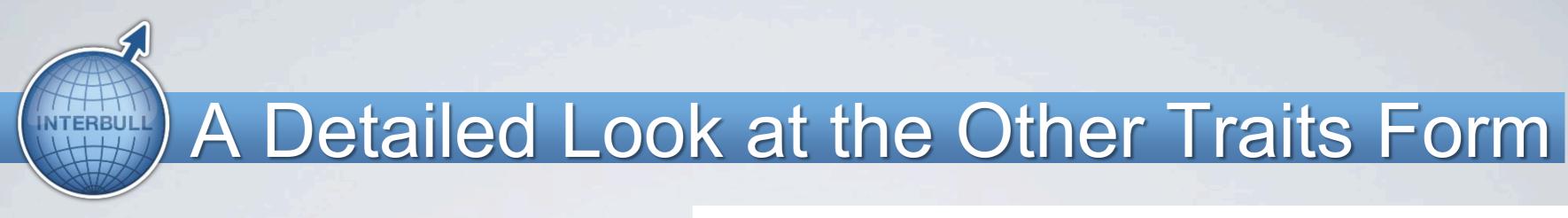
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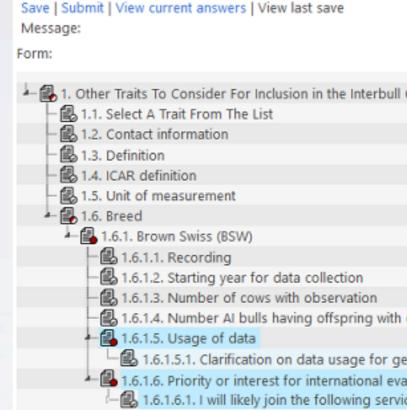
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- Aim:
- Collect general, basic information
- So to:
- Assess data availability, status & level of interest
- Identify potential new traits

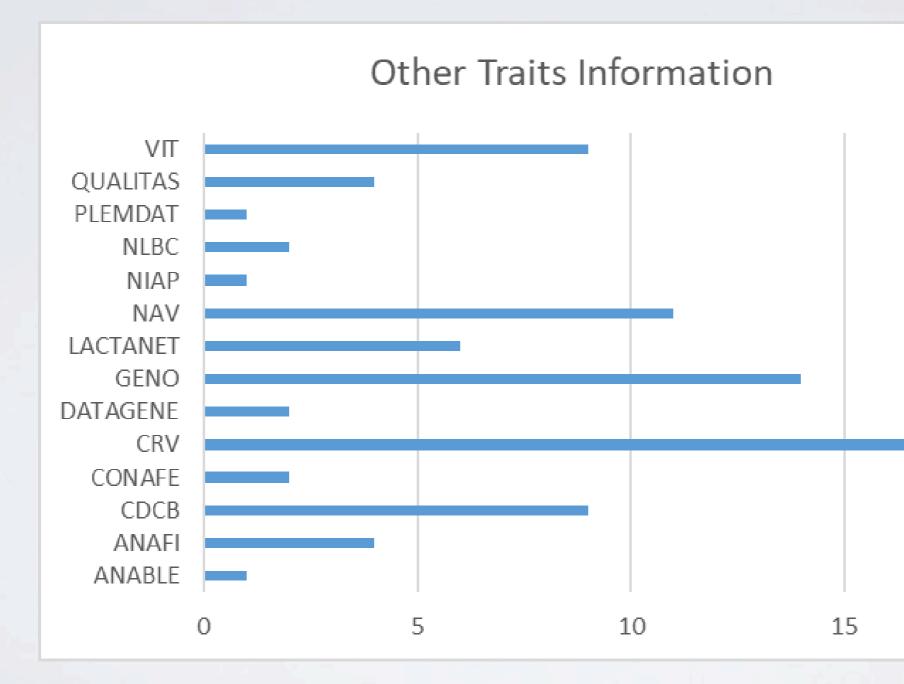


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Centre Portfolio	 Genetic Evaluation Genomic (single step) evaluation Genomic (two-steps) evaluation Evaluation still on a research phase (genetic) Evaluation still on a research phase (genomic) Only data collection
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	 International genomic evaluation (GMACE)
	International genotypic evaluations (InterGenomics)
	Phenotype-based evaluation New service based on exchange of phenotype only
	Genetic evaluation based on a different model than currently available

- Genomic evaluation based on a different model than currently available
- Other Service

"Other Traits"- Information Collected



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"Other Traits" - Information Collected

Total New Traits Reported	22	Notes
By 1 organisation	1	
By 2 organisations	12	Level of information varies
By 3 organisations	3	Level of information varies
By 4 organisations	3	Level of information varies
By 5 organisations	2	Level of information varies
By 6 organisations	1	Level of information varies

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Feed intake	3
Metritis	3
Sub-clinical Ketosis	3
Clinical ketosis	4
Body Weight	4
Digital dermatitis	4
pocalcaemia/milk fever	5
Retained placenta	5
Gestation length	6



Gestation length

	Cou1 (ita)	COU2 (usa)	COU3 (nld)	COU4 (nor)	COU5 (che)	COU6 (cze)
Breeds	HOL	HOL BSW RDC JER GUE	HOL BSW RDC JER SIM, DFR, MRY, MON	RDC	HOL, BSW	HOL
Evaluation	Genetic, Genomic (2-step)	Genetic, Genomic (2-step)	Genetic, Single Step	Genetic, Single Step	Genetic, Genomic (2-step)	_
Status evaluation	Implemented	Implemented	Implemented	Implemente d	-	_
Priority of Interest	Medium	Medium	Low/Medium	-	Medium	_



Retained placenta

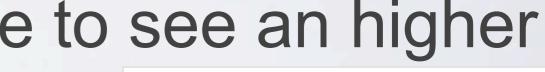
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Breeds	HOL BSW JER	HOL BSW JER RDC SIM, DFR, MRY, MON	RDC	HOL JER RDC	HOL
Evaluation	Genetic, Genomic (2- step)	Genetic, Single Step	Genetic, Single Step	Genetic, Genomic (2- step)	-
Status evaluation	Implemented (HOL,JER), In development (BSW)	Implemented	Implemented	Implemented	_
Priority of Interest	High	Low	Low	-	-

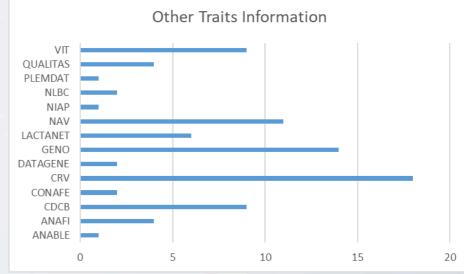


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Good To Remember...

- All forms always "ON" for editing of existing or new information
- PREP is a new platform still developing in its features
 - New features coming soon to improve user's experience
- Almost 1 year from its launch, we hope to see an higher participation rate





PREP: What is Next

- Inclusion of electronic forms for the remaining currently \succ evaluated traits (udder health, fertility, longevity, workability, conformation, interbeef traits)
- Improving the way information are displayed
- Developing "ready to use" query for getting quick and easy \succ overview of the information
 - At countries level 0
 - At breed level 0
 - At methodology level 0
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Forms

Create new form

Organization

GE Dairy Calving Fill in blank form View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 34 (77)

Other Traits

4. BEEF Forms show/hide

BEEF Calving

Overview Log out PREP

Help 🗸

1. Organization Info show/hide

Provide information about your organization Fill in blank form | View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 20 (63)

2. GE Dairy forms show/hide

GE Dairy Production Fill in blank form View latest submissions

Submissions (drafts): 65 (133)

3. Additional Info show/hide

Provide information for additional traits to be considered for expansion of the Interbull portfolio

(for dairy or Beef evaluations) Fill in blank form View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 137 (109)

Fill in blank form View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 0 (9)

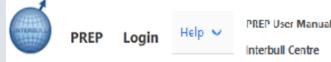
BEEF Live Animal Weight

Fill in blank form View latest submissions Submissions (drafts): 0 (23)



WELCOME TO PREP!!!!

https://prep.interbull.org



Interbull PREP Database

Please, log in to use the system, or use a supplied direct link to fill in a form as a guest.

Welcome to the Interbull Performance Recording, Evaluation and Publication information database!

The PREP database is developed and hosted at the Interbull Centre within the context of the Centre's function as the European Union Reference Centre (EURC) for Zootechnics and enables users to upload descriptive information regarding performance recording, national genetic evaluation systems and publication policies.

The platform is accessible to all European and International Cattle breeding organisations whether or not they are involved in Interbull Centre's International Bull evaluations for dairy (Interbull) and/or beef (Interbeef).

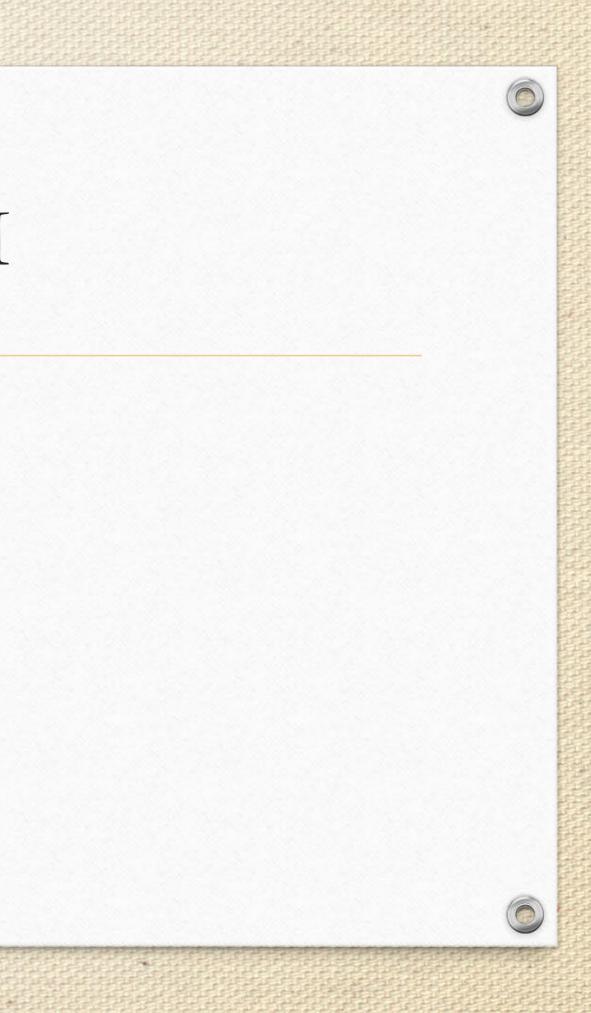
You will need to register in order to access the platform. Contact Interbull Centre (interbull at slu.se) if you require access to it.

The latest user manual is available under Help in the menu.

Session I – Part II

- Panel session (6 countries discussing 3 traits)
 - Questions from audience welcomed (time allowing)
- Break-out session (6 groups)
- Groups report
- Wrap up





Panel session Countries experience on selected new traits



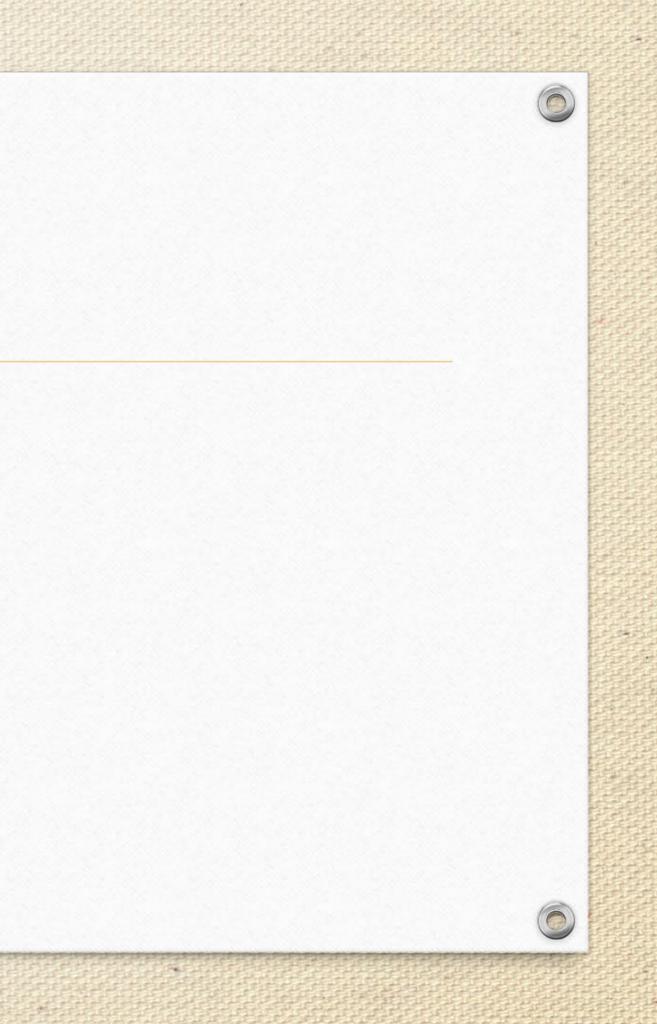




Panelists

- ITALY (ANAFIBJ): Raffaella Finocchiaro
- GERMANY (VIT): Stefan Rensing
- DNK-FIN-SWE (NAV): Gert Pedersen Aamand
- SWITZERLAND (QUALITAS): Urs Schnyder
- USA (CDCB): Ezequiel Nicolazzi
- NORWAY (GENO): Morten Svendsen





Questions

Why it is important to have an evaluation for such traits? > What is the return value for the farmers/industry on evaluating such traits? > Do you include them in your selection index?







Your turn!

For Break-out groups:

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> What is the return value for the farmers/industry on evaluating such traits? >What is your expectation for such traits on an international level? > What are the pros/cons of an international evaluation? > What is the role you envision for Interbull? > What kind of service is expected? (MACE, GMACE, conventional phenotypic evaluation, SNPs based)





Grouping For WS Session I

• GROUP I:

Savoia
van Kaam
Pena
de Jong
Eikje
Haugaard
Van Doormaal
Pedersen Aamand
Butty

• GROUP II

Kristine Lorenzo Javier Ibrahim Roberta Thomas Toine Esa Jiri Madeleine



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Adama Degano Lopez Jibrila Rostellato Lawlor Roozen Mäntysaari Bauer





Grouping For WS Session I

• GROUP III

Marco Daniele Noureddine Herwin Iola Iola Ross Valentina ismo Jiri Urs Winters Vicario Charfeddine Eding Croue Croue Evans Palucci Stranden Splichal Schnyder • GROUP IV

Daniel Attilio Joao Matthew Arne Thierry Zengting Dawid Sebastian Ulrik



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Grouping For WS Session I

• GROUP V

Martino Reiner Ezequiel Gert Morten Fernando Dr. Stefan Barbara Marcin Marija Cassandro Emmerling Nicolazzi Nieuwhof Svendsen Svendsen Macedo Rensing Kulesza-Zydzik Pszczola

• GROUP VI

Raffaella Christian Andres Suzanne Janez Joanna Peter Monika Magdalena Judith

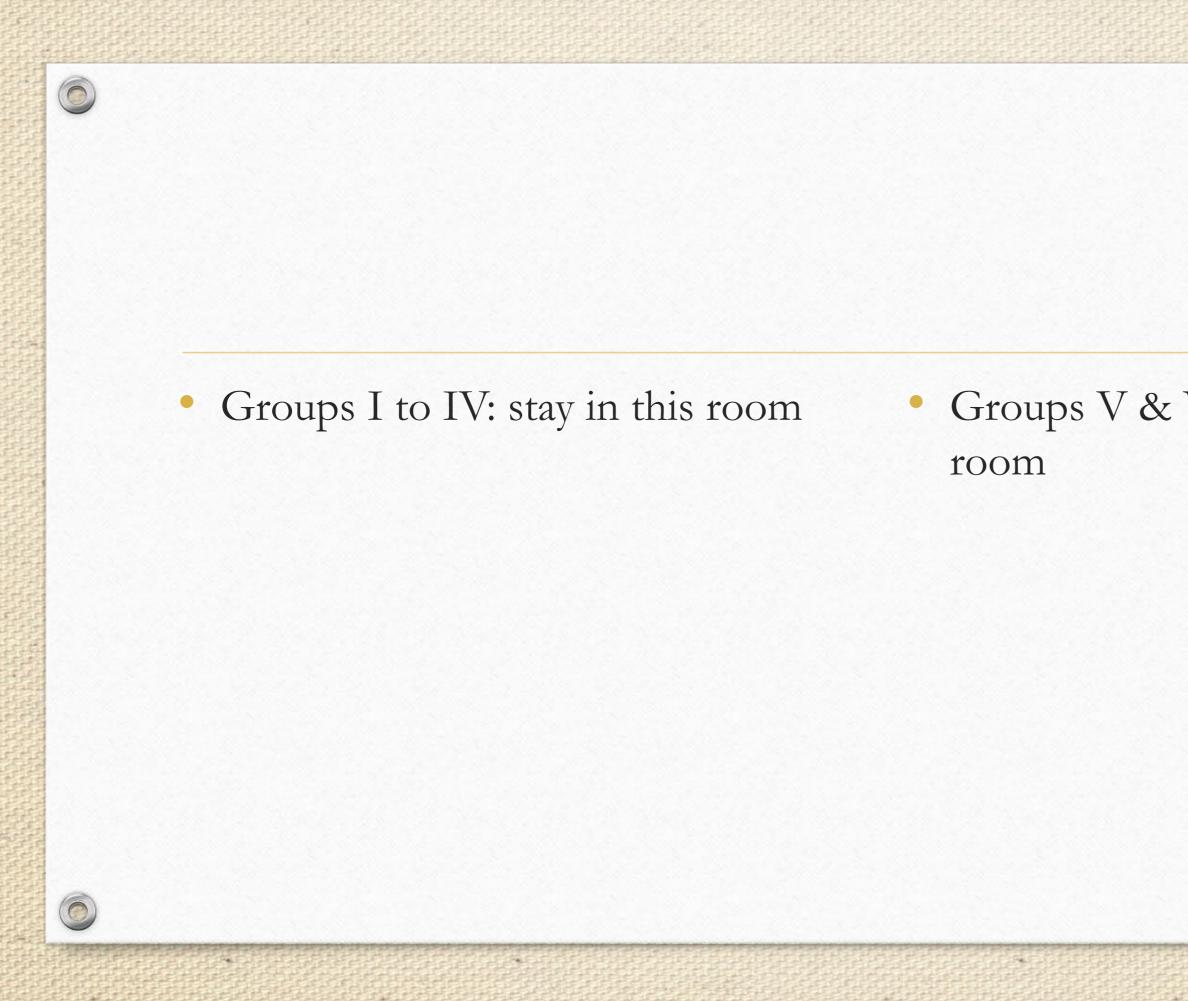


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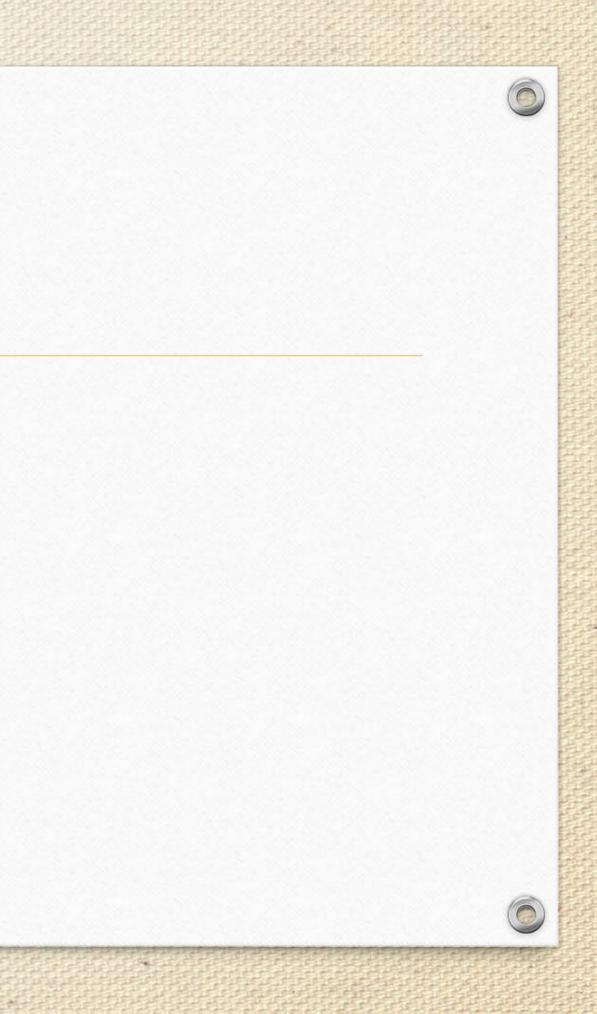




• Groups V & VI: go to the "sofa"







Wrap up

• Thank you panel!

• Next steps

- Thank you all for participating
- Lunch time!
- Next session
 test
- Back at 1pm!

• Enjoy!



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Next session, GEBV validation

