



28 November 1999

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FARM MANAGEMENT

Meeting held at the IDF House, Brussels (BE)
on 9 November 1999

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Members:

I Watson (GB) in the Chair, T Alfnes (NO), K Bellamy (GB), P Billon (FR), L Degano (IT), K de Koning (NL), M Fernandez (ES), L Innings (SE), F Le Blanc (FR), E Manninen (FI), E O'Callaghan (IE), M D Rasmussen (DK) (elected to the Chair during the meeting), D Reinemann (US) (elected Deputy Chair), O Ronninen (NO), E Schuilling (NL), K L Smith (US) (part-time)

Also attended: E Hopkin (IDF Secretariat)

APOLOGIES: P O'Halloran (AU), M Beauséjour (CA), Les Lambs (US), F Chenais (FR), F Leblanc (FR), P Rainard (FR), M Beguin (FR), PM Toppino (IT), H de Wet (ZA), C Chan (AU)

1 Welcome, introductions, adoption of the agenda

Mr Watson opened the meeting and welcomed the participants, who introduced themselves around the table.

2 Membership

The members reviewed the list of nominations made so far and agreed that the following IDF National Committees should be asked to consider making or adding to -their nominations:

Canada – Lévesque

Italy – Sangiorgi

Sweden – Innings, Lind

Switzerland – Nosal

United Kingdom – Baines

United States – Reinemann (Note. Dr Reinemann's nomination was received later in the day.)

Action : Secretariat

Deadline : 30 November 1999

3 Notes for guidance of members of Standing Committees and task Forces

Mr Hopkin introduced the Notes emphasizing a number of issues. The members took note.

4 Objectives

The members considered the Objectives as agreed by IDF Council in Athens in September 1999. They asked about IDF's involvement in genetic development and took note that this topic was dealt with internationally in detail by INTERBULL, with which IDF has liaison. It was suggested that no further activity was required by IDF, at least for the time being. It was decided to discuss the objectives at the next meeting.

5 Elections

Chair – As there was only one nominee for the post, the candidate, M D Rasmussen was elected by acclamation.

Deputy Chair – Two names were presented. In accordance with IDF's Rules of Order a secret written ballot was held, under the supervision of E Hopkin and C Brooks, IDF Secretariat. Ten ballot papers were distributed and ten valid papers returned.

Result – for M Beauséjour (CA): 3 votes
for D Reinemann (US): 7 votes

Dr Reinemann was declared elected.

(The minutes, to this point, were drafted by E Hopkin, IDF)

6. Program of Work

Action Teams (AT) are numbered and the chair, target, and approval category mentioned.

AT2 Action Team Interpretive documents: P. Levesque, Dec 1999, approved.

Approval was granted at the Athens meeting to proceed with development of the publication on functional requirements for milking machines. Editorial comments were reviewed and incorporated by the members of the former A 32 group present at the meeting in Brussels. (Billon, Innings, deKoning, Rasmussen, Manninen, Reinemann, Alfnes, Ronningen, O'Callaghan). Comments will be sent to Levesque to produce the final document. This action unit will be dissolved upon the publication of the document.

Action : AT2 members

Deadline : 30 November 1999

AT3 Vacuum measurement during milking, Rasmussen, July 2001, C.

Two papers have been written and are still in the review process. After acceptance in a reviewed journal they will be combined and incorporated into an issue of the Bulletin of IDF. Billon indicated the need for the addition of a guide for interpretation measurements. The primary goal of the group is to obtain journal acceptance by March 2000.

AT4 Performance during milking: Rasmussen, Nov. 2001, C.

The goal of the group is to develop a list of the key biological indicators of the interaction between the milking unit and the cow. Activities at the University of Wisconsin, Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences, PR Lelystadt, Melbourne University and Agricultural University of Norway are being coordinated. A final report of the work being conducted by the UW/Danish/Australian work will be produced by June 2000. A paper was presented by this group at 1999 ASAE conference.

AT5 Robotic Milking: O. Lind, Dec. 1999, B.

This action unit has prepared a document that was circulated at the meeting in Brussels. Comments are due to Ole Lind by 1 Dec 99. E. Hopkin will coordinate incorporation of comments into the document and authorization to publish from IDF's Programme Co-ordination Committee.

Action : All members of SC and Secretariat

Deadline : 30 November 1999

AT6 Small Ruminants, P. Billon, Dec. 2000, C.

Several papers have been produced. The AT met on 10 Nov to discuss and review the current documents and identify further needs. Only few parts are missing and AT6 will probably meet once more to finish the draft. Manufacturers will then be asked to join a workshop finalizing the paper.

AT7 Clause 16: P. Billon, July 2001, C.

The AT had a discussion of the proposal submitted by O'Callaghan at the Brussels meeting but reached no conclusion. O'Callaghan will organize a meeting with Billon, deKoning, and hopefully Mein in March or April in Moorepark to gather information on different test methods (Moorepark teat compared to ISO teat). Their goal is to write a proposal for revisions to ISO clause 16 during this meeting. The final proposal should be ready for the planned revision of the ISO standards in 2001.

Action : AT2 members

Deadline : 30 November 1999

AT8 Cleaning of Milking Machines, D. Reinemann, July 2001, C

A draft of the bulletin has been produced. Further needs are sections on the different types of cleaning regimes used in various parts of the world and recommendations for cleaning small milking machines. The goal of the group (Reinemann, Rasmussen, Wolters) is to prepare a paper to be presented in Japan in November 2000 followed by an IDF bulletin.

AT9 Instruments for mechanical tests: T. Alfnes, Nov. 2002, C.

Bulletin 338, containing the list of instruments for mechanical testing of milking machines, has been printed. There have been 2 submissions of new instruments since the publication of the bulletin. The group is encouraging companies to provide test data for their instruments. The intention is to put the bulletin on the IDF Internet page. It was proposed to post the current version of the list on the site of the Agricultural University of Norway until the IDF site is ready. This group proposes to continue as AT9 with Alfnes, Ronningen, Reinemann, and Innings. The goals of the group will be to develop:

A position paper on the need and possibilities for continuous monitoring of milking machines

Recommendations for sanitizing instruments used on farms

Specifications for leveling equipment and techniques for milklines, and

Correct the misprints, and identify needed revisions to the ISO milking machine standards.

AT10 Further study of transgenic mammals: P Martin, Target ?, A.

Mr Hopkin reported that Mr Martin estimated that the first draft of the report being prepared by himself and his colleagues would be available in late January 2000.

Action : Martin

Deadline : January 2000

AT11 Monograph on interaction of different feeds on milk composition: P.M. Toppino, March 2000, C.

Mr. Degano reported that the bulletin was ready to submit for publication by IDF. The document is currently in the possession of Bengt Everitt. For editing.

Action : Secretariat

Deadline : 30 November 1999

AT12 Survey on Payment Systems for Ex-farm Milk: H. deWet, approved, C.

The final text for publication was distributed to meeting participants in Brussels. (report based on the results of IDF Questionnaire 2399/A) The target is to have the publication printed by May 2000.

Action : Secretariat

Deadline : May 2000

New Action Team items (follow up for new items approved in Athens)

AT13 Teat Size and breeding goals, Rasmussen, Aug. 2000, C.

A letter from the IDF Farm Management standing committee overview with papers from Rasmussen and Manninen indicating the problem will be prepared for the next meeting.

Action : AT13 members

Deadline : August 2000

AT14 Testing Procedures for Automatic Milking Systems, K. deKoning, Target to be determined, C.

The goal of this group is to develop recommendations for special test procedures to be used for automatic milking systems. The ISO standards may not apply to AMS. Members include Rasmussen, Reinemann,

and Innings. The goal of the group is to develop scope of work and target dates by March 2000. Future topics of the group will be, Part II: Interpretation of data, Part III: Recommendations for new standards.

Action : AT14 members

Deadline : March 2000

AT15 Evolution in Automatic Milking, milk quality, animal health, farm management, O. Lind, target to be determined, C.

Action Team Members include: Degano, deKoning, Hillerton, Hogeveen. The group has been asked to develop goals and target dates for presentation at the next meeting.

Action : AT15 members

Deadline : August 2000

AT16 Cluster Removers: Test for determination of switch point and delay time. De Koning, target to be determined, C.

Members: Manninen, Alfnes, Innings Rasmussen. Reviewers: Ronningen and Reinemann.

The Action Team met on 10 Nov. The goals are to develop a reference lab test for ACR's and to develop separate procedures for field tests of ACR's. The target will be to produce an overview of existing equipment and procedures for testing ACR's removers from manufacturers, research institutes and field technicians to be prepared for the next meeting, August 2000.

Action : AT16 members

Deadline : August 2000

Other Business

ISO Standards work:

A proposal to revise the ISO Milking Machine Standards was not approved by ISO members earlier in 1999. Less than 5 countries voted to work on the revision. ISO would like to wait until next scheduled revision in 2001. The ISO technical committee meets in March 2000 and asked for guidance from IDF on how to proceed. The proposal from AT9 was that the review could wait until 2001. AT9 will inform interested parties of misprints. This mailing list will also be used to gather information from interested parties on needed revisions and generate support for the next revision. Hopkin will inform ISO of the intention of IDF regarding no urgent need to revise before 2001 but to make arrangements so that revision could then proceed smoothly.

Action : Secretariat

Deadline : 15 November 1999

It was suggested that the Standing Committee and its Action teams make use of IDF home page to facilitate communication within and between the standing committees and action teams, inform others of program of work, obtain feedback from interested persons, and survey for new members for action teams as soon as IDF could accommodate it. The program of work and meeting minutes could be posted.

10. Next meeting

a. Date and place

The desire is to coordinate meetings with Animal Health committee. The next meeting will take place in Den Haag, Netherlands on August 20 following the robotic milking symposium and before the EAAP conference. Chairmen of action teams should report to Rasmussen about meeting plans during the official meeting in the Farm Management Committee. The deadline for distribution of materials by email or other mailing systems are 2 weeks in advance of meeting for material that need to be considered at the meeting.

b. Notes of related meetings

Robotic milking symposium: 18-19 August 2000, <http://www.agro.nl/pr/UKHome.htm>

EAAP: 21-24 August 2000, The Hague, Netherlands, <http://www.WageningenPers.nl/EAAP/EAAP2000>

The Agenda was prepared by the Standing Committee (appended to these minutes).



30 November 1999

International Dairy Federation

Standing Committee on Farm management

IDF House, Brussels

Tuesday 9 November 1999

DRAFT AGENDA

For meeting on 20 August 2000 from 09.00–17.00

(prepared by Standing Committee on 9 November 1999)

- 1 Welcome, apologies, adoption of agenda**
- 2 Approval of the minutes from the meeting in Brussels, 9 November 1999**
- 3 Matters arising not on the agenda**
- 4 Review of Objectives for the Standing Committee on Farm management**
- 5 Programme of Work**
 - a) Reports from Action Teams:**
 - a1 Action Team on Interpretive documents: P Levesque (CA)***
 - a2 Action Team on Vacuum measurement during milking: MD Rasmussen (DK)***
 - a3 Action Team on Performance during milking: MD Rasmussen (DK)***
 - a4 Action Team on Robotic Milking: O Lind (SE)***
 - a5 Action Team on Small Ruminants: P Billon (FR)***
 - a6 Action Team on ISO Clause 16: P Billon (FR)***
 - a7 Action Team on Cleaning of Milking Machines: D Reinemann (US)***
 - a8 Action Team on Instruments for mechanical tests: T Alfnes (NO)***
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- a14 Action Team on Evolution in Automatic Milking, milk quality, animal health, farm management: O Lind (SE)*
- a15 Action Team on Cluster Removers: Test for determination of switch point and delay time: K de Koning (NL)*

- b) Approval of documents for publication**
- c) Closure of Action Teams**
- d) Subjects for new Action Teams**
- e) Research work, surveys and testing results**

6 Any other business

7 Planning for next meeting

- a) Agenda**
- b) Date and location**
- c) Associated meetings, seminars, congress**

8 Close