



## **3rd Cattle Network – EAAP Workshop**

**“Profitability and sustainability of beef farming:  
Adaptation and conformation of EU beef systems  
to CAP regulations”**

Friday 24 AUGUST 2007 – DUBLIN, Ireland

**Organized by the EAAP Cattle Network Working Group**

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### EAAP Cattle Network Working Group

- Main aims -

- **To develop technical and economic exchanges:**
  - between researchers of the EAAP scientific commissions and cattle sector stakeholders representatives
  - between the cattle field experts and cattle field extension officers of the EAAP member countries
- **To exchange information to promote and facilitate business among breeders' and producers' associations**
- **To monitor and discuss trends in production and consumption of cattle products and policy measures affecting the cattle sector**
- **To promote the use of information systems as well as improvements in the use of services provided by cattle organisations at the European and global levels**



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- Main aims -

- **To establish and update the Cattle Network Website for the exchange of information among participating institutions on matters of particular interest to the cattle sector**
- **To routinely organise workshops on matters related to the cattle sector**
- **To encourage participation of researchers and other experts from EAAP in internationally funded projects as well as in activities carried out by other international organisations**



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### Cattle Network website

[www.cattlenetwork.net](http://www.cattlenetwork.net)

- the only FREE online service covering the entire cattle sector
- matching research and industry interests
- recently restructured to offer easy navigation and more, up-to-date content

#### Website content

- EU legislation
  - CAP
- Cattle markets
- Cattle encyclopedia
  - Cattle library
    - Forum
  - AgriDatabase
- Events calendar
  - Training
  - Job postings



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#### ***Interactive services:***

**Cattle Network Forum.** Three e-mail conferences have been held to date: **Waste management (2005), Patenting in the animal sector (2006), Genetically modified animal feeds (2007).**

**AgriDatabase.** A free-to-join online directory of organizations and companies in the cattle sector.

**Free Mailing list and Newsletter.**



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## **THE EUBEEVAL PROJECT**

A collaborative project between:

- Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF, Ireland)
- Scottish Agricultural College (SAC, UK)
- Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC, UK)
- Institut de l'Élevage (IE, France)
- Institut National de Recherche Agronomique (INRA, France)
- Interbull Sub-committee (ICAR)

## A new Interbull service

- **EUBEEVAL results presented at ICAR in 2004**
  - Potential need of international beef genetic evaluation?
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- **General survey in 2005**
  - 20 countries with beef performance recording
  - around 70% of these countries interested
  - Several countries agreed to a financial contribution:  
Ireland, France, United Kingdom, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland
- **ICAR agreement to establish this new Interbull service :**



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### **EUBEEVAL** project: an opportunity for

- genetic comparison in beef breeds across countries
- genetic evaluation of their own beef cattle population for countries that do not already have a national evaluation system



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