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1. ICAR 2012

Below is an invitation to submit a paper for ICAR 2012 which we are hosting in Ireland during the week of May 28th to June 1st. We are planning a number of events of particular relevance for beef. These include:

- an Interbeef Workshop and the next meeting of the Interbeef Working Group meeting on Monday 28th, and
- a one day meeting for the Beef & Sheep Breeding Industry with the theme “Information for Profitable Beef & Sheep Farming” on Tuesday 29th May.

The ICAR program also includes a number of sessions which will be of direct interest to beef performance recording, beef genetic evaluation and beef herd books. The [full ICAR 2012 program can be found here.](#)

2. Potential Speakers for ICAR 2012

Please give some thought to speaking at [ICAR 2012](#) which is being held in Cork from Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June, 2012.

The [main session themes](#) are:

Session	Date/Time	Theme	Target Audience
1	Mon 28th May from 10:30 to 18:00.	Information for Profitable Dairy Farming.	Policy and decision makers in the worldwide dairy recording and breeding industry.
2	Tues 29th May from 10:30 to 18:00.	Information for Profitable Beef & Sheep Farming.	Policy and decision makers in the worldwide beef & sheep recording and breeding industry.
3	Wed 30th May from 8:30 to 10:30.	How Can Animal Recording Improve the Profitability of Animal Farming?	Policy and decision makers, and technical experts in the worldwide recording and breeding industry.
4	Wed 30th May from 14:00 to 18:00.	Identifying the Most Profitable Animals for Breeding - Dairy, Beef, Sheep.	Policy and decision makers, and technical experts in the worldwide breeding industry.
5	Wed 30th May from 14:00 to 18:00.	On-Farm and On-Animal Devices for Identification and Recording.	Policy and decision makers, and technical experts in the worldwide animal recording industry.
6	Thurs 31st May from 8:30 to 10:30.	Practical Implications of Genomic Technologies for Animal Agriculture.	Policy and decision makers, and technical experts in the worldwide recording and breeding industry.
7	Thurs 31st May from 11:00 to 13:00.	Information Systems for Providing Farmers (and Breeders) with Information Needed to	Policy and decision makers, and technical experts in the worldwide field of information systems applied to the recording

		Increase Profitability.	and breeding industry.
8	Thurs 31st May from 11:00 to 13:00.	Developments in Off-Farm Recording & analysis - for Milk, Meat, ...	Policy and decision makers, and technical experts in the worldwide field of laboratory measurement systems applied to the recording and breeding industry.
9	Fri 1st June from 8:30 to 10:30.	The Future Organisation of Animal Recording & Genetic Evaluations - keeping the balance between Commercial, Industry Good and Public Good.	Policy and decision makers in the worldwide recording and breeding industry.

If you would like to present (10 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion) a paper, or poster, under one or more of these themes please suggest a title (max 200 characters) and provide a short abstract (max 2,000 characters) by [registering as a potential speaker here](#). Please use the registration form to fill in your details, indicate that you are interested in presenting a paper and provide a title and short abstract. The deadline for receiving your proposed paper is **31st December 2011**.

Other key deadlines that have to be strictly respected by **Speakers** and the **Organisers** are:

1. Submit Abstract and Title by 31st December 2011 (**Speaker**).
2. Notification of paper acceptance on or before 25th January 2012 (**Organisers**).
3. Submission of written paper – 1st Draft by 27th April and final version for on-line publication by 25th May, 2012 (**Speaker**).
4. Submission of Presentation slides by 25th May 2012 (**Speaker**)

As a reward for the collaboration of **Speakers**, we the **Organisers** are committed to:

1. Include a copy of the **abstracts** of all accepted presentations in the printed program.
2. Publish on the conference website all **written papers** on Monday 28th May, the first day of the conference.
3. Publish on the conference website all **presentations** on Monday 28th May.

Your efforts in respecting the above deadlines will not be in vain. Please help us make these deadlines and ensure a really enjoyable and informative conference for all delegates.

The process for title submission and the publication of proceedings is [available in more detail here](#).

We encourage you to focus on the main themes for the conference and to submit your ideas as soon as possible.

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