

WHFF Inclusivity of More Production Data Task Force Report – May 2023

This Task Force has met one time since the last WHFF Council meeting, on January 19, 2023. TF members are Lindsey Worden, Brad Eggink, Suzanne Harding and (formerly) Jens Baltissen.

The TF reviewed a letter that Suzanne had drafted on behalf of the group, to send to ICAR. The letter thanked ICAR for the opportunity to speak at their 2022 meeting, and provide them in writing the key recommendations WHFF had that were made as part of the presentation. The letter also requested a meeting with ICAR representatives to further discuss the recommendations this spring. Suzanne sent the letter on January 20th.

On January 26th, Steven Sievert (Chair of the ICAR Measuring, Recording and Sampling Devices Subcommittee) requested a meeting with Suzanne to discuss the letter. ICAR has agreed to provide a speaker for the 2023 WHFF World Conference. Sievert provided some updates on other AMS-related initiatives that his committee is working on. Lastly, he shared that ICAR is organizing an “AMS Summit” to be held with robot manufacturers in September 2023 in the Netherlands. They invited a WHFF representative to join the organizing committee. Upon further discussion, Brad Eggink has agreed to be our representative for that group.

Following the Summit, this Task Force will need to reevaluate if there are actions that still need to be followed up on, and bring conclusions to the WHFF Council.