

## **WHFF Inclusivity of More Production Data Task Force**

Report for November 2023 WHFF Council Meeting, prepared by Lindsey Worden

This Task Force has not met since the Council's last meeting. Earlier this summer, it was decided that the TF would regroup after the ICAR AMS Summit, which took place in mid-September in the Netherlands. Brad Eggink was chosen to represent WHFF on the ICAR planning committee. I had been in touch with Brad this summer, and at that point he had not been contacted by ICAR to be involved with the planning, but he did attend the Summit. Since then, Brad has left his position with Holstein Canada, and did not provide a report on the actions of the meeting or his thoughts on them relative to our work.

Steven Sievert provided some summary documents, which were shared out with the other materials for this meeting. Major conclusions are summarized below:

### **Concluded on the summit, we propose to focus on the following topics:**

1. Strategic cooperation with other organisations to prepare for the future (like IDF).
2. ICAR should develop a strategy on the business model for milk recording organisations for AMS herds.
3. ICAR should promote the value of milk recording by explaining for which purposes milk samples are taken nowadays.
4. ICAR should strongly encourage their members to make use of ICAR ADE standards, harmonised way of giving consent by farmers and harmonise the different systems of taking milk samples with AMS devices as much as possible.
5. ICAR should actively work on standardization and harmonization of traits measured by AMS and sensors and on a universal device coding system.
6. ICAR should communicate to AMS manufacturers a list of traits measured by AMS devices needed for milk recording and breeding purposes.

A possible next step could be to schedule a call with the appropriate individuals involved in ICAR work to discuss the Summit and their thoughts on how this topic will continue to develop, and how we may collaborate.

At this point, the WHFF Council should provide guidance on future work for this Task Force. If we wish to continue, we will also need to solicit more members, as I am currently the sole member. I would also wish for someone else to assume the role of Chair of this Task Force, as I am also Chair of the Monogenetic Traits & Registration Working Group, which has demanded a great deal of time this year.