

Memo

To Board WHFF
From Gerben de Jong
Date March 5, 2024
Subject Update on Harmonisation Working Group
Attachment(s)

Working group meeting held:

- on line meeting will be 21st December 2023.

Working group meeting planned:

- workshop Cremona, Italy, 16-18 April 2024

During the December 2023 meeting most attention was given to the preparation of the workshop in April 2024.

The program for the workshop consists of:

- practical training
- conformation defects
- harmonisation of six extra traits
- virtual cow
- role of classification in future
- correlation among countries
- phenotypic correlation among traits
- update from countries

Role of classification in future – session of 1,5 hour

Four invited speaker from 4 different regions/situations in the market will give an introduction. After the four introductions a discussion will be held.

The four regions/situations are North America by John Steinhoff, Sout, South America by Pedro Neto, Europe by Thierry Menard, Oceania/Asia by Tony O'Connor.

Virtual cow

Was part of the program, but after the meeting it was decided not to have this topic on the program as the virtual cow is not ready yet to show the traits according to the WHFF standards.

Harmonisation of six extra traits

The document as discussed during last meeting is shared with some amendments from the last meeting.

The working group is fine with the document. The definitions and pictures of traits will be presented during the next workshop.

The working group recommends to add 2 new traits to the WHFF linear traits list: udder balance and front feet orientation. The information on the other four traits will be made available on the WHFF website. This will be presented during the workshop. After that the board of

WHFF is recommended to extend the official trait list and share information of the four extra traits to improve harmonisation.

Conformation defects

With input from the working group the document was updated.

The list of 20 defects will be presented during the next workshop. Using input from the workshop the document can be finalized and presented to the WHFF board, with the recommendation to share this harmonized list of conformation defects with the members and make it available on the WHFF website.