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ON 26 APRIL 2021

ICAR/IDF VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON ANIMAL-BASED INDICATORS TO PROMOTE WELFARE IN DAIRY COWS

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

26 April, 2021 (14.00 - 17.00 Paris time)

INVITATION

Join ICAR WG FT and IDF in an ICAR workshop on 26 April 2021 to discuss harmonization of animal based indicators of dairy cow welfare.

The meeting will be managed as a workshop and as webinar for a remote participation.

PROGRAMME

- Introduction and plenary talk
- Animal welfare recording initiatives with focus on animal-based indicators from different countries and stakeholders (**contributions welcome**)
- Harmonisation of animal based welfare indicators – future needs, challenges and perspectives - Introductory statements from different stakeholder, common discussion and next steps

Submission of abstracts till 28 February 2021 at: www.icar2021.nl/abstracts/

Detailed programme will follow



● Workshop announcement

● www.icar.org

● www.fil-idf.org



BACKGROUND

Welfare assessment is becoming increasingly important in the dairy industry. Good animal welfare is a cornerstone of good farming practice, but methods that allow welfare to be measured mean that the results can be used in quality assurance schemes for producers, retailers, consumers and the wider public. As animal welfare is a multi-dimensional concept, it requires that many aspects of the an animal's state, including indicators of health and well-being, are measured. Many of these animal-based indicators have been developed for dairy cattle in recent years within academia and industry, and work is still on-going.

Because welfare indicators have been developed and implemented by different organisations, often for different purposes, cows on some farms may be assessed by many organisations using indicators for different end-users. To make the most efficient use of this assessment effort, if the methodology for assessing welfare indicators was harmonised, data could be integrated and used more efficiently..

The aim of the meeting, managed as a workshop and as webinar for a remote participation, is to explore current trends and initiatives in the development and use of welfare indicators for dairy cattle. Presentations from industry leaders will also show how welfare indicators are being incorporated into schemes and explore the opportunities and challenges for harmonisation and integration of welfare indicators.

Abstracts related to the present workshop can be **submitted till 28 February** at www.icar2021.nl/abstracts/

RELEVANT WEBPAGES

REGISTRATION: THIS WORKSHOP IS PART OF THE ICAR CONFERENCE IN LEEUWARDEN www.icar2021.nl/registration/

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: www.icar2021.nl/abstracts/ (Deadline: February 28th)

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