



Interbeef Update

Interbull Business Meeting
Puerto Varas, Chile, Oct 2016



What/who are Interbeef?

- International genetic evaluation of beef cattle.
- Based on using countries pedigree and phenotype data => International EBV's (*Phocas, 2005*).
- Currently includes 9 countries, 3 breeds (LM, CH & SI) & 4 traits (Wean wt, Calving, Fert & Carcass).
 - >20m animals in pedigree files.
- Research capacity provided by members.
- Database & routine services provided by the Interbull Centre.
- WG chaired by Andrew Cromie (IRE) and TC chaired by Eric Venot (FRA).

Priorities addressed since 2015



- Simmental test evaluation.
- Use of cross-bred data in genetic evaluations.
- Updated code of practice document.
- New “research and service agreements”, between ICAR, Interbull Centre and members.
 - Moving from initial research agreements to new service based agreements.
- Service calendar established.
- Strategy for attracting new members.
- Establishment of GenoEx PSE => Move to GDE.



Priorities for 2016/2017.

- New research and service agreements.
 - Operational for 2017 service fees.
- Expand service for current traits being worked on;
 - Calving => routine, female fertility => test & carcass traits => research.
- Expand membership.
 - Research collaboration partners.
 - Future services to members. More countries, traits & breeds.
- Establish new GDE service in partnership with Interbull Centre.