

News from the international initiative for improving the systematic recording and use of data on foot and leg conditions in cattle:



Dialogue of practice and science on claw health at EuroTier 2016

The important role of the health of feet and legs has been recognized worldwide by the dairy sector, motivating activities to better address claw health in routine applications. In 2015, the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR) has launched the ICAR Claw Health Atlas as illustrated version of the new international reference for recording of data on foot and leg conditions in cattle. This atlas, which is available in 18 languages so far (free download from <http://www.icar.org/index.php/publications-technical-materials/technical-series-and-proceedings/atlas-claw-health-and-translations/>), will assist identifying and comparable recording of disorders. This harmonization and standardization across countries using the new standard will allow comparisons of data collected in different countries by different groups - a critical step in the targeted improvement of feet and claw health, which will benefit animal welfare and increase the efficiency and profitability of dairy enterprises. In this context it is important that the new tools for improved documentation and their appropriate use are known in the field.

In order to share information on the recent developments and discuss their potential with dairy farmers and other stakeholders from the dairy industry, a meeting on claw health will be organized in connection with the large trade fair EuroTier 2016 in Hanover, Germany. Within a 2h program in the **Cattle Forum on Friday, 18th November 2016, from 15:00 h to 17:00 h** presentations of international experts in the field will be followed by a roundtable discussion; for further details please check the program provided below. Practical demonstration of claw data recording with live animals and claw trimming equipment including mobile recording devices will complement the meeting. Time slots of 45 minutes have been reserved in the **TopTierTreff on Tuesday, 15th November 2016, from 13:15 h to 14:00 h** and on **Friday, 18th November 2016, from 13:15 h to 14:00 h**.

Please save the dates and use the great opportunities for participating in the dialogue of practice and science on claw health at EuroTier 2016!

Meeting on Claw Health at EuroTier2016

on Friday, 18th November 2016, from 15:00 to 17:00 h
in the Cattle Forum ('Forum Rind')
in hall 12 at the EuroTier exhibition area in Hanover, Germany



PROGRAM

with presentations from experts in the field, followed by round table discussion

- 15:00 - 15:15 Standardization of claw data recording: ICAR claw health atlas *K.E. Müller / Germany*
- 15:15 - 15:30 Electronic claw health data recording *A. Fiedler / Germany + hoof trimmer(s)*
- 15:30 - 15:45 Documentation on claw health from the veterinary perspective *A. Starke / Germany*
- 15:45 - 16:00 Claw health data supporting advisory service *S. de Roos / The Netherlands*
- 16:00 - 16:15 Economic aspects of claw health *A. Molinero Argüello / Spain*
- 16:15 - 16:30 Genetics of claw health traits *C. Odegaard / Norway*
- 16:30 - 17:15 Round table discussion with representatives from practice and science, considering management and animal welfare aspects and the positions of breeders, farmers, hoof trimmers and veterinarians *C. Bergsten / Sweden, D. Döpfer / USA, M. Feist / Germany, C. Lutz / France, S. de Roos / The Netherlands, H. Westermann / Germany, and others*

