

*Data Retrieval Committee
International Embryo Transfer Society
Monday, 13 January 2014, 12:30 – 13:15 hrs
Reno, USA
JA Nugget Hotel*

Minutes

Present:

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1. **Welcome and call to order**
2. **Review of the minutes of the previous meeting in Hannover, Germany**

Motion: Reuben moved, Pierre seconded for the minutes to be accepted as written.
All agreed. Motion carried.

3. **Business arising from the minutes**

Motion: Gabriel moved, Brad seconded that the list of data collectors be updated to note the addition of Edwin Mellisho (Peru), Takashi Nagai (Japan), Luis Nasser (Dominican Republic) and Marcello del Campo (Chile) and the deletion of S.N. Lee of Taiwan as the Chair has not been able to contact him. Takashi volunteered to try to contact Taiwan.
All agreed. Motion carried.

The Chair was asked which countries with data collectors did not submit data for 2013. The Chair advised the countries were India, Taiwan, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, St. Martinique, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Norway and Turkey.

The Chair reported on the development and use of the new IETS database for the Data Collectors to enter country/regional data. The cost for 2013 was \$3,607.39 US. The budget for further development if needed in 2014 is \$1500.00. The Chair gave a demonstration of the new database.

The Chair asked for comments about the 2013 report as published in the December 2013 IETS Newsletter. It was felt the Summary needs to be an Executive Summary with more details and tables included as this would be all that 90% of people would read and more description in the body with less tables and graphs.

4. New Business

Ideas for further development of the database was discussed. It was agreed:

- the database be in English language only for the time being
- the term “collection” be used, not “flushes” when reporting in-vivo embryo collection
- cattle ET data remain separate for dairy cattle and beef cattle
- data collectors with data for third party countries to forward the data to the data collector for those countries having an IETS listed ET data collector
- there was no need for separate data for embryos fertilised with sexed semen.

Motion: Reuben moved, Michel seconded that a Note be added to the database page on the website advising every field must be filled, and warning data cannot be submitted if there are any blank fields. All agreed. Motion carried.

Motion: Gabriel moved, Michel seconded that “*Bubalis bubalis* only” be added immediately below “Buffalo” on the database and data for American buffalo (*Bison bison*) and African/Cape buffalo (*Cercerus kaffer*) be entered under “Other”. All agreed. Motion carried.

Motion: Gabriel moved, Jacqui seconded that the database make provision for recording in-vitro produced embryo data for all other species, namely buffalo, sheep, goats, cervids, horses, swine and others. All agreed. Motion carried.

Motion: Reuben moved, Gabriel seconded that given only 5 of 40 countries provided data on exports of embryos, greater efforts be made to collect data from those countries not reporting such activity. All agreed. Motion carried.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to the Chair for the work he has done with the development and promotion of the new database.

Meeting closed at 13:15 hrs.