



## Call for papers for the 41<sup>st</sup> ICAR Congress 2017

14 - 16 June, 2017, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

The International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR) and Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board are please to invite the interested delegates to submit their abstracts to the 41st Congress of ICAR 2017.

Deadline for the submission of the proposals / Abstracts is **1 April 2017**.

Abstract submissions should be emailed to [icar2017@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:icar2017@ahdb.org.uk), indicating the *preferred* format (poster or oral presentation) and session (see below).

Authors will be notified via e-mail whether or not their abstract submission is accepted. If successful, authors will also be informed of the format of their presentation, either, Oral Presentation or Poster. This correspondence will also advise if any amendments are required before formal acceptance. Authors will be assigned a number, session, day and time of the presentation. Please note that accepted abstracts will be assigned to an appropriate session by the organising committee; however, Session titles are given below for information:

### ICAR 2017 Proposed Sessions

Plenary 1 - Legal implications of data provision services
Robots, Sensors and ICAR
Manufacturers showcase
Plenary 2 - The future of ICAR under alternative phenotyping strategies
Debate with audience participation on Plenary 2 topic
Integrating data to provide added value services - topping up from other data sources
Impact of genomic services on milk recording organisations
Methods to gather new phenotypes
Wrap up: conclusions and next steps in ICAR



### Structure of the Abstract

The Abstract submitted for approval must contain the following:

1. **Title.** Titles should be no more than 2 lines in length.
  - a. Times New Roman, 14 pt, **bold**
2. **Author information.** Name of the Author(s) and corresponding institution/ Organisation. Email addresses of all the authors must be given. The e-mail of the corresponding must be underlined.
  - a. Times New Roman; 12 pt; *italic*;
  - b. Author initials and surname only, no title(s); presenting author in **bold**; '&' preceding last author name; author footnotes should be numeric starting at 1
  - c. Institution/organisations must be given for all authors, including address, zip code, city and country
3. The abstract should be an objective summary briefly describing the processes and achievements. No tables, figures and references are to be included.
4. Keywords. A maximum of 4 keywords should be given separated by a comma. Keywords should not be capitalised must not include '&' or 'and'

### Formatting of the Abstract

1. The Abstract submitted for approval must be written in Times New Roman 12, with a maximum of 500 words (2,666 characters with spaces). A template for abstracts has been created for convenience and is available [here](#). Title, author information and keywords are excluded from the word limit; this limit applies to abstract content only.
2. The presenting author of the manuscript shall appear highlighted in the list of authors and their registration fee must be **paid by 30 May**. Alternatively, the manuscript will be withdrawn.
3. Abstracts must be submitted in English.
4. The abstract should be self-explanatory and contain all main data and conclusions of the final manuscript and it should not contain more than 500 words. It should be an objective summary, briefly describing the procedures and findings and not simply stating that the study was carried on such and such and results are presented, etc.

Authors are recommended to send their abstracts as soon as possible so that the response of approval can be sent in a short time and can make arrangements to attend the Congress in advance.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** To present the manuscript/poster, registration fee must be paid by **15 May**.

### Format of posters

Authors will be notified in May about the necessary formatting.



### Format of the final manuscript

A first draft of the manuscript has to be provided to the Organisers by **10 June** and the final version by **20 September**. Authors are kindly invited to respect the template which will be circulated to authors upon acceptance.

### Publications

For this 2017 ICAR Congress, two publications are expected:

1. The “Book of Abstracts” that will be distributed to participants before the meeting in a rough binding which will help them in joining to the session with a general overview of the speeches and presentations; and
2. The “Book of Proceedings” produced after the meeting that will be refereed by the Chairmen of the Sessions. The “Book of Proceedings” will be available only in digital form for downloading from the ICAR website. A first draft of the manuscript has to be submitted by **10 June** while the final manuscript must be submitted to the Organisers by **20 September**
3. PDF files of all the PowerPoint presentations of the Sessions will be available on the ICAR website in the following days from the end of the Session. Authors who present their data to the Sessions agree to have their pdf version on the web for the benefits of all the participants and ICAR web-users

ACTION	DEADLINE
Submission of the proposal / Abstract	1 April
Communication to authors about acceptance and instructions for paper submission and presentation	20 April
Draft programme on the web	15 May
Submission of the first draft of the manuscript both theatre (max 5 pages) and posters (max 3 pages).	10 June
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Submission of the final manuscript for production of the Proceedings	20 September