



RARE BREEDS INTERNATIONAL

A new chapter of its history

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RBI MAIN REMARKS

- Foundation: England, 27th June, 1991
- Form: Limited Private Company
- Foundational object:

The **promotion** of the **preservation of numerically small breeds** and breeding groups of domestic animals of **importance** that present worthy characteristics in the interest of zoological research and education.

Ensuring the **preservation of genes** of potential special value after hybridization and other actions for the benefit of mankind and the promotion of **agriculture**.



RBI FOUNDERS

- Foundation Board of Directors
 - Lawrence Alderson (UK), President
 - Laurent Avon (FR)
 - Imre Bodó (HUN)
 - Roy Crawford (CAN)
 - Hape Gruenenfelder (SWI)
 - Armando Primo (BRA)



RBI CHALLENGES

- Characterization, inventory and monitoring of trends and associated risks.
- Sustainable use and development.
- Conservation.
- Policies, institutions and capacity building.



RBI PRIORITIES

- Acting as the **global “umbrella” non-governmental organization** (NGO) to coordinate and build on the activities of regional and national members.
- **Assisting** in the implementation of the **Global Plan of Action** for Animal Genetic Resources.
- Maintaining a **communication network with partners and stakeholders**, including governmental, intergovernmental and NGO bodies, to maximize cooperative efforts to conserve native animal genetic resources.



RBI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Organised International Meetings in UK, Hungary, Canada, Nepal, Brazil, South Africa, Vietnam, Turkey.
- Ad hoc conferences from 1992 in Spain to 2016 in Canada.
- RBI proposed a 'genetic impact' protocol and 'breeds at risk' criteria.
- Exchange of genetic material between NGOs (e.g. Red Poll semen from UK to South Africa).



RBI EVOLUTION

- Act as the link between governmental agencies (FAO) and grassroots activists (NGOs, groups, individuals).
- Publish conference proceedings, research papers and project reports.
- Breed conservation projects (e.g. Turkomen horses and Dairy Shorthorn cattle).
- Emergency support for endangered breeds (i.e., Foot and Mouth Disease in 2001)

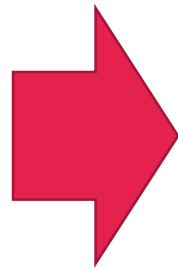


RBI NEW ERA

UK(1991-2018)

EXECUTIVE:

- Projects development.
- Global conferences.



SPAIN(2018- ?????)

REPRESENTATIVE:

- Umbrella platform
- Contact point



NEW RBI MAIN REMARKS

- Foundation: Spain, 27th August, 2018.
- Form: Non-Profit Association.
- Foundational object:

The international cooperation in a **scientific, social and economic** world-based context on the **conservation and utilization** of agro-food and industrial interest local **zoogenetic resources**, expressed through the **minority breeds** of livestock species.



NEW RBI STAFF AND MEMBERS

- **Staff**

- President: Juan Vicente Delgado
- Secretary: Francisco Javier Navas
- Treasurer: Cecilio Barba

- **Members**

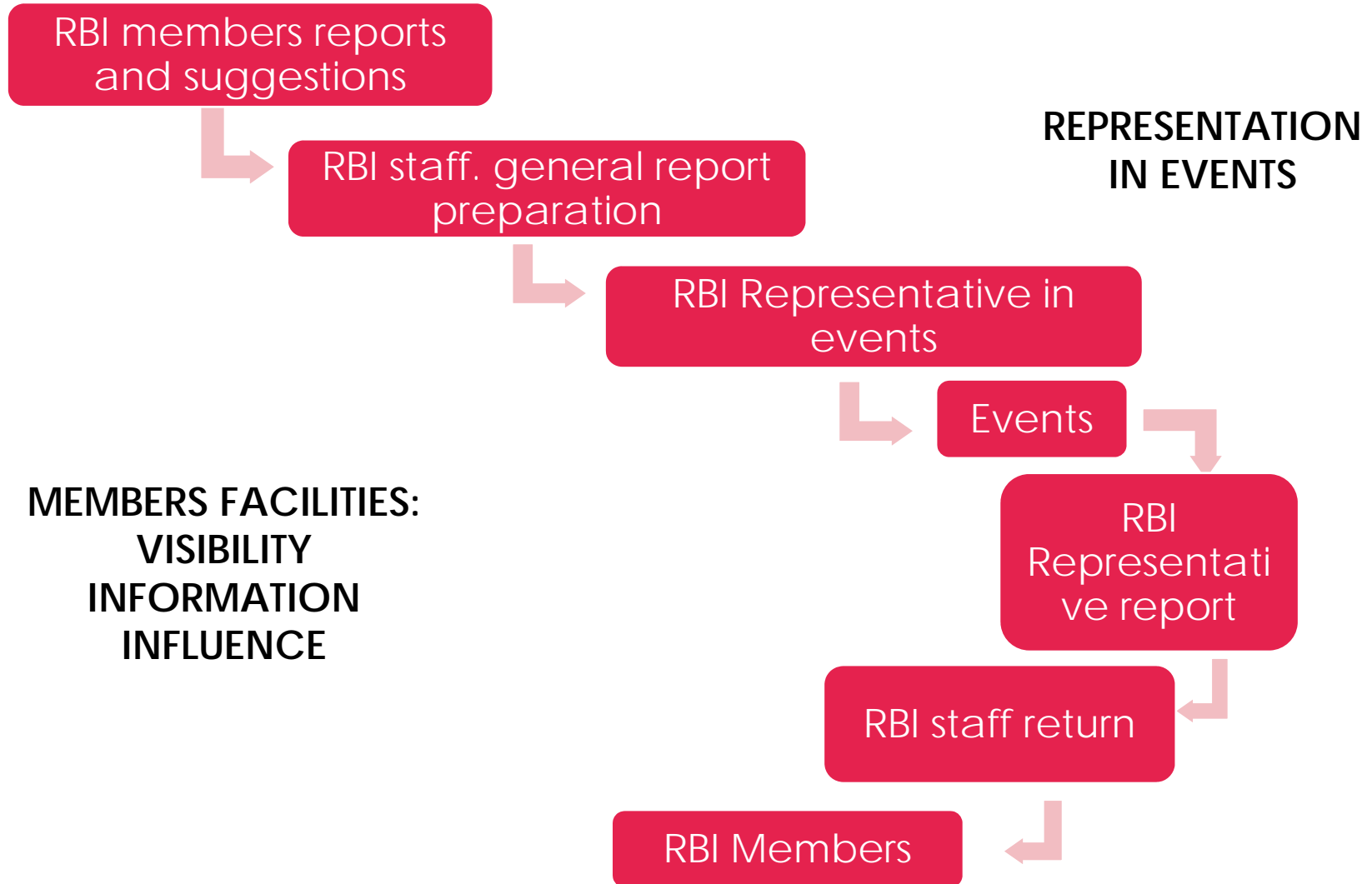
- Founding members (Previous RBI)
- Corporate members (Associations)
- Direct numerary members (Individuals)
- Integrated members (Corporate individuals)



NEW RBI COMPETENCES

1. Representation of the consortium in international organizations (FAO, ISAG, ICAR, etc).
2. Networking for all the integrated members. Establishing working groups "ad hoc".
3. Maintenance of a central website to manage and disseminate scientific production, projects, among others of the involved organizations at the international level.
4. Coordination of general information development.
5. Maintenance of a discussion list in social networks (Facebook, twitter and instagram)
6. Contact point platform for the exchange of information among conservationists
7. Coordination of general books and other publications.
8. Occasionally, the organization of a general congress.
9. Organization of the general assemblies (on line).

NEW RBI INFORMATION FLOW





RBI NEW TRENDS

- Stronger latin participation:
 - Iberian peninsula: serga/sprega
 - Latin America: conbiand network (24 countries)
- Permanent representation of RBI in FAO
 - Dr Emiliano Lasagnha (U. Peruggia).
 - Dr Elena Cianni (U. Bari).



MANY THANKS



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DE RECURSOS ZOOGENÉTICOS**

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