

Regional Workshop

“*In vivo*” conservation of European livestock

“*Challenges applying guidelines into practice*”

June 14-17, 2011

hosted by the Center for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands
(CGN), of Wageningen University and Research Centre

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Collaborative effort

- FAO
 - Animal Genetic Resources Branch
 - Subregional Office for Central and Eastern Europe
- European Regional Focal Point for Animal Genetic Resources (ERFP)
- Dutch Ministry for Economic Affairs, Agriculture & Innovation.

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Participants

- National Coordinators, scientists and other experts
- From both Eastern and Western Europe
- 48 persons from 25 countries
- Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and Ukraine

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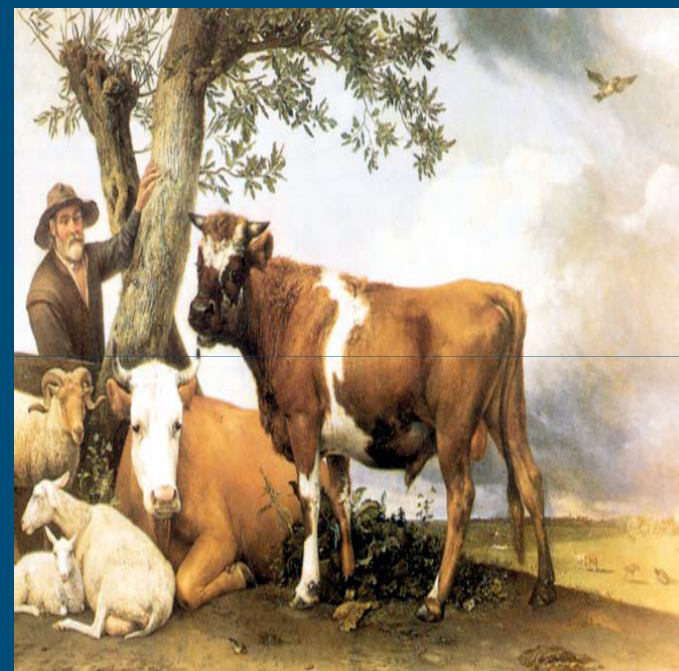
Workshop objectives

- To evaluate the draft FAO guidelines for the In Vivo Conservation of Animal Genetic Resources, and
- To exchange practical experiences and challenges for in vivo conservation activities in practice

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Chapters in the guidelines

1. Importance and options
2. Identification breeds at risk
3. Conservation value of a breed
4. Organizing the institutions
5. Designing and effective conservation program
6. Options for a breeding program
7. Increase the value of local breeds



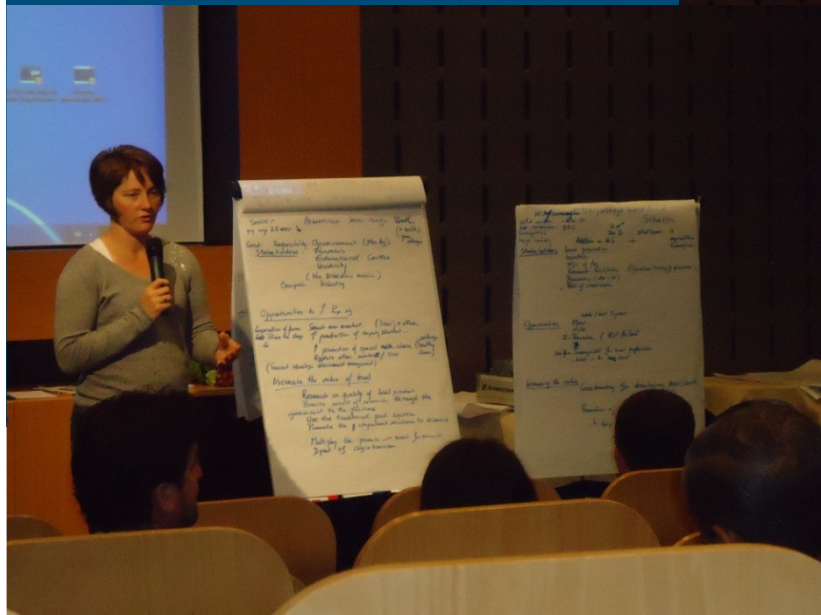
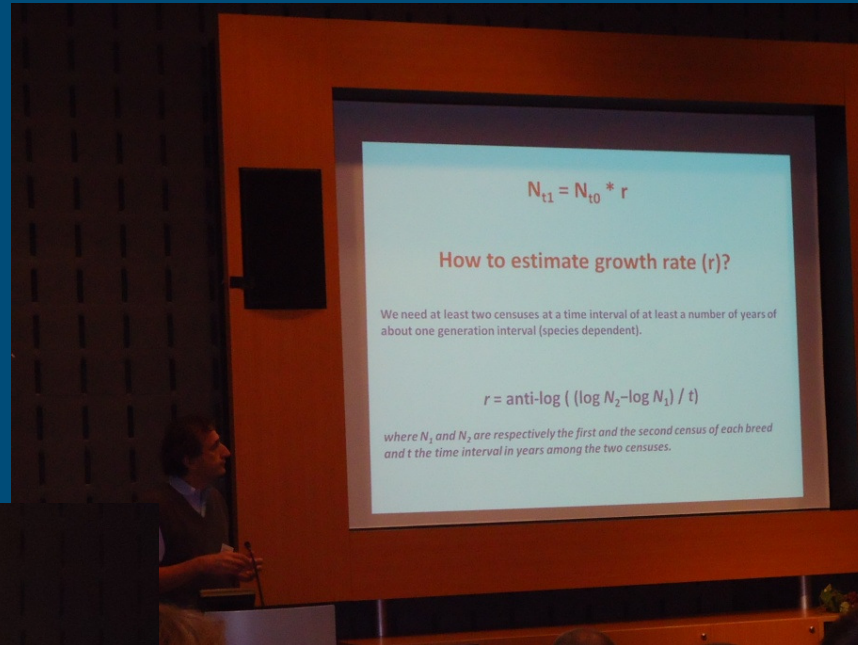
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Programme and type of activities

- Each chapter of the draft guidelines was evaluated
- Introduction to chapter, followed by (group) discussion
- Presentations of national programs and experiences by participants
- A field trip to see in vivo conservation activities in operation on several local farms.

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Introductory lectures + group discussions



One day field trip

organised by Dutch Rare Breeds Society (SZH)



Main results and conclusions

- The set-up of the workshop was well received
- The program was a good mixture of activities
- A variety of countries in Europe are facing similar challenges and opportunities regarding *in vivo* conservation of AnGR
- It was the first time that there was substantial and valuable exchange of information and knowledge between Eastern and Western European countries, supported by English-Russian translators

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Thank you for your attention

- The program of the workshop and copies of all presentations are available at CGN website and links on FAO and ERFP websites

www.cgn.wur.nl

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