

The EAAP Cattle Network, in cooperation with the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR), is happy to inaugurate its third e-mail conference in the "Forum" section of the Cattle Network website. You are invited to join and to participate actively in the e-mail conference "Genetically Modified Animal Feeds", as well as to encourage your colleagues and anyone who might be interested to participate.

How do I participate?

In the forum page you will find the paper "Feeds from genetically modified plants in animal nutrition" (2004), written by G. Flachowsky and A. Chesson (WAAP Book of the Year 2003 - A Review on Developments and Research in Livestock Systems, Eds: A. Rosati, A. Tewolde and C. Mosconi, 241-267) as well as a brief guiding text by G. Flachowsky, moderator of the e-mail conference. Using the paper and the guiding text as a basis, you are invited to send your comments, questions, suggestions, ideas etc. on the topics of the paper.

To register for the e-mail conference, please send an e-mail with the subject "Cattle Network_3", including your personal information (full name, organization, country) to info@cattlenetwork.net. Those who are not interested in participating can still visit the Forum any time to see the contributions. In any case, you are free to register and participate in the first Cattle Network e-mail conference at any time, by sending an e-mail to the above-mentioned address.

How does it work?

After your registration in the e-mail conference, you will be receiving by e-mail all contributions of the other participants. Likewise, your contribution(s) to the conference will be sent to all participants. At the same time, all contributions will be posted on the Cattle Network website, in the "Forum" section. After the termination of the e-mail conference, a summary document will be produced and distributed to all participants.

The moderator of the e-mail conference will supervise all contributions in order to ensure compliance with the conference rules and relevance with the topic of the conference.

Practical information

- Please focus your contribution on one topic at a time; this means that you can send more contributions for the current e-mail conference, but each contribution should concentrate on one specific topic.

- Please note that your contribution must have a specific title and the entire text cannot exceed 3500 characters (including spaces). The title of your contribution may

be changed by the moderator when sent to the participants, in order to better suit the purposes of the discussion.

- If you wish to reply to another participant's contribution, you are required to state the exact title of the contribution to which you refer.

- The Forum will remain open until 13 April 2007. After the closure of the Forum, and depending on the quality and quantity of the contributions, the possibility of some kind of publication of the Forum's outcome will be considered.

Please note that by participating in the e-mail conference, you accept the Rules of the Cattle Network Forum - read the Rules at

<http://www.cattlenetwork.net/forum.htm>.

We look forward to meeting you online!