



# ICAR Annual Conference & IDF/ISO Analytical Week 2025

**Sustainable Livestock Farming through Harmonization, Technology and Innovation**

NDDDB Anand, Gujarat, India | 29 March - 4 April, 2025

## INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

Time	ICAR		IDF/ISO	
Saturday 29 March 2025				
08:00 – 10:00	Registration			
	ICAR Board (NBR)			
Sunday 30 March 2025				
08:00 – 10:00	Registration			
08:30 – 13:00	ICAR Board/staff meeting (NBR)			
14:30 – 18:00	ICAR Board & Chairs Committees (NBR)			
Monday 31 March 2025				
08:00 – 10:00	Registration			
08:30 – 10:30	DNA WGs (TR7)		Methods Standards Steering Group (MSSG - by invitation) (TR4)	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break			
11:00 – 13:00			Methods Standards Steering Group (MSSG - by invitation) (TR4)	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch			
14:30 – 16:00	Milk Analysis subcommittee (MASC) (TR4)		Action Team(s) (NBR)	
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break			
16:30 – 18:00	ICAR/IDF ExtraMir (TR4)	DCMR WGs (TR7)	Action Team(s) (NBR)	
19:00 – 23:00	FREE EVENING			
Tuesday 1 April 2025				
08:00 – 10:00	Registration			
08:30 – 09:30	ICAR General Assembly (TKPA)			
09:30 – 10:30	Opening ICAR/IDF/ISO (TKPA)			
10:30 – 10:35	ICAR Daniel intro			
10:35 – 11:00	Coffee Break			
11:00 – 12:00	ICAR Plenary session (TKPA) ICAR services, Speaker - Martin Burke Interbull Services, Speaker -Toine Roizen			
12:00 – 13:00	IDF/ISO plenary session (TKPA)			
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch			
14:30 – 16:00	Technical Session 1 - ICAR traits: how ICAR members develop tools to support farmers to increase the sustainability of their dairy herd (VKA)		Standing Committee on Laboratory Statistics and Quality Assurance (SCLSQA)1 (TR1)	Standing Committee on Analytical Methods for Additives and Contaminants (SCAMAC) 1 (TR3)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break			
16:30 – 18:00	Technical Session 2 - From data collection to genetic improvement in smallholder dairy systems.Session chair: Matthew Shaffer and Toine Roozen (VKA)	Technical Session 3 - Advancing climate-smart livestock technology to enhance animal health and resilience, farmer prosperity, and food. Session chair: Miel Hostens (TR6)	SCLSQA (TR1)	SCAMAC (TR3)
08:30 – 18:00	Exhibition and Poster session			
19:00	WELCOME RECEPTION			

Time	ICAR	IDF/ISO	
Wednesday 2 April 2025			
08:00 – 10:00	Registration		
08:30 – 08:45	Presentation of the Indian dairy sector – Shri Jignesh Shah (DGM-SAP) National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), India - 15 min (TKPA)		
08:45 – 09:00	Brief introductions of ICAR/IDF/ISO and importance of collaboration – Philippe Trossat, France – 15 min (TKPA)		
09:00 – 09:15	ICAR and IDF/ISO efforts on validation of milk analysers on farm (ICAR) and in laboratory (ISO 8196 IDF 128) – Silvia Orlandini, Italy - 15 min (TKPA)		
09:15 – 09:45	Joint ICAR and IDF projects: overview and future actions for a. Reference System for Somatic Cell Count – AT leader: Pierre Broutin, France – 15 min (TKPA) b. ExtraMir – AT leader: Helen Soyeurt, Belgium – 15 min (TKPA)		
09:45 – 11:05	Standardization in India (TKPA) a. Overview of NDDB Analytical Laboratory –NDDB CALF LTD - 20 min b. Challenges and solutions for sampling and analysis of milk and milk products for regulatory purpose: – QA Advisor- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) – 20 min c. National Standards of test methods for milk and milk products given emerging global market requirements – Head-FAD & Scientist-E - Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)– 20 min d. Challenges and opportunity in export of food consignment: Regulatory Requirements and analytical method- Assistant Director - Export Inspection Council (EIC): 20 min		
11:05 – 11:35	Coffee Break		
11:35 – 12:55	Panel discussion on challenges and opportunity in analytical methods used for dairy and other food testing (panellists from ICAR, IDF, ISO, BIS, FSSAI, EIC, NDDB experts). Moderator: Ms Silvia Orlandini (TKPA)		
12:55 – 13:00	Presentation of next IDF/ISO Analytical Week 2026, China – Ms Guo Ling (TKPA)		
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 – 16:00	Technical Session 4 - How the milk analyses can support the livestock and dairy production. Session chair: Josee Bordeleau (TR1)		
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30 – 18:00	Manufacturer’s showcase (VKA)		
08:30 – 18:00	Exhibition and Poster session		
19:00	FREE EVENING		
Thursday 3 April 2025			
08:00 – 10:00	Registration		
08:30 – 10:30	Technical Session 5 - Recording and phenotyping strategies with focus on functional traits. Session chair: John Cole (VKA)	Standing Committee on Analytical Methods for Composition (SCAMC)1 (TR3)	Standing Committee on Methods for Dairy Microbiology (SCMDM)1 (TR1)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 – 13:00	Technical Session 6 - Breeding for lower methane emission: advances in recording, phenotypic and genetic analysis, and implementation in breeding programmes. Session chair: Maria Frizzarin (VKA)	SCAMC (TR3)	SCMDM (TR1)
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch		
14:30 – 16:00	Manufacturer’s showcase (VKA)	SCAMC (TR3)	SCMDM (TR1)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30 – 18:00	ICAR 2025 wrap up meeting (TKPA)	SCAMC (TR3)	SCMDM (TR1)
08:30 – 18:00	Exhibition and Poster session		
19:00	Gala Dinner		
Friday 4 April 2025			
08:30 – 10:30	MSSG wrap up- TBC (by invitation) (VKA)		
All day technical tours			

1. Also serves as a meeting of ISO/TC 34/SC 5 – Milk and milk products

Note: Blue text - ICAR/IDF/ISO meeting for members or allowed observers only

Venue: TR = Training Room | NBR = New Board Room | VKA = Dr. Verghese Kurian Auditorium | TKPA = Shri T K Patel Auditorium

