

EGRAN
Short Meeting
27 November 2007 , Le Mans

Agenda for the meeting

- * publications from ERAFE project : advancement state
- * use and management of SABA bank
- * Scientific topic : the digestive capacity of the young : methods and recent advances ?
- * our participation to the next WRC congress / Egran meeting in parallel

Participants to the meeting: R. Carabaño (UPM), T. Gidenne (INRA), M.J. Villamide (UPM), J. J. Pascual (UPV), G. Xicatto (UPADU),

Participants excused : L. Maertens (CLO), L. Façao-Cunha (ISAL)

1- Publications under preparation, issued from EGRAN activity (including the European concerted action "ERAFE"):

1. From the SIMUL task, an advanced draft has been prepared (4 labs, 8 feeds...) by R. Carabaño. The draft was discussed by the group. After suggestions from co-authors, this manuscript should be submitted to the journal World rabbit Science within one month.
2. From CHEM task, an advanced draft has been prepared by MJ Villamide. Equations to predict DM digestibility from chemical parameters are proposed, and compared with in-vitro criteria (SIMUL). The **draft is almost finished**, and should be proposed for publication in "Anim. Feed Sci. Technol." within one month. A discussion within the group is then engaged to suggest some improvements in the paper. Comparison with NIRS prediction equation (obtained with the same set of samples) should be made in an other paper (for WRS?), as a short "synthesis" with the three prediction methods "Nirs, Chem, Simul", initially scheduled (resp. G. Xicatto).
3. From "MEV task", a paper from trials with soybean and sunflower meal is presently delayed (resp. L. Maertens).
4. The paper from the ring-test about chemical analyses in feeds and faeces is still "sleeping", although JM Perez has written a **draft at 90%**. JM Perez has lost the corresponding files to achieve the publication process. Therefore the publication process is presently stopped.

2- SABA: the sample bank and database of EGRAN group

T. Gidenne presents shortly the state of SABA, presently stored at INRA Toulouse. The use of SABA is presently very little. However, UPM suggest to maintain the SABABANK. Particularly, some further samples from UPM will be sent to SABA. Future use of SABA may concern the pertinence of digestible/soluble fibre for DE prediction. T. Gidenne will organise a control of the quality at the occasion of new samples receipt.

3- Next EGRAN meeting and World Rabbit Congress of Verona, 10-13 june 2008

At the occasion of the 9th WRC, the Egran group asks to G. Xicatto for a meeting room, on monday 9 june 2008.