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**4th IMAGE Dialogue Forum
INVITATION**

Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Rules

*What does ABS mean for conservation research and use of
Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)?*

Dear Sir /Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the

**4th IMAGE Dialogue Forum
in Belgium on Sunday, 25th August 2019 15:00 – 18:00**

The event will take place just after the European Regional Focal Point (ERFP) annual meeting and at the beginning of the SAVE network meeting 2019 at the

***Levend Erfgoed Expo of rare Belgian Breeds at
Provinciaal Domein Puyenbroeck, Puyenbrug 1a, 9185 Wachtebeke***

IMAGE – Innovative Management of Animal Genetic Resources – is an EU-Horizon 2020 multi-stakeholder project with a consortium of 28 partners, including SMEs, NGOs, universities and scientific institutions. The aim of IMAGE is to enhance the use of genetic collections and to upgrade animal gene bank management.

The **4th IMAGE Dialogue Forum** will focus on **Access and benefit sharing requirements** which result out of international agreements (Nagoya Protocol), EU ABS Regulation (511/2014) and national legislation. ABS may affect all sectors of animal breeding: conservation breeders as well as breeding companies, the research sector and governments.

- Input presentations will explain key provisions of the **Nagoya Protocol and EU ABS Legislation** and **specific characteristics of the AnGR sector that are relevant to ABS.**
- Discussions in groups will focus on ABS measures related to their implementation in animal breeding and research, including acquisition, transfer and use of AnGR stored in genebanks.
- Results and conclusions of Group discussion will be presented to the plenary.
- The **IMAGE Dialogue Forum** will be followed by drinks and nibbles that will provide opportunity for further networking and discussion.

To prepare the meeting as properly as possible, you are asked to fill in the attached registration form. Please send it back to

eleonore.charvolin-lemaire@inra.fr as soon as possible, but not later than **July 15th, 2019.**

Accommodation:

Wachtebeke is located about 22km northeast from Ghent. The participants of the European Regional Focal Point meeting will stay in Ghent, Monasterium PoortAckere, Oude Houtlei 56, 9000 Ghent (<https://www.monasterium.be/en/>).

Participants of the SAVE annual meeting will stay in the European Center La Foresta, Prosperdreef 9, 3054 Vaalbeek, Belgium (<https://laforesta.be>; info@laforesta.be), which is around 105km southeast from Wachtebeke. It is a former Franciscan monastery in Vaalbeek (between Leuven (6 km) and Brussels (30 km) and near the airport (25 km)). A transfer will be organized.

This 4th IMAGE Dialogue Forum will be the last within the project.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Belgium!

Sincerely yours

The IMAGE Dialogue Forum Team



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