



Latin American Forum 2023 meeting report

PART I

Prior to the meeting of the Latin American Forum, the 5 associations of the participating countries shared, virtually and by responding to a short questionnaire, information on the work developed within their associations. The participating countries were Argentina, Costa Rica, Colombia, Uruguay and Guatemala. During 5 virtual meetings, during the months of September, October and November, each country made a presentation; The participating countries, their directors and invited people were able to share and discuss the information provided.

A summary of such information is found in the attached document.



PART II

Day: Sunday, November 26, 2023

Location: Finca la Visión Tecpán, Guatemala

Presentes:

1. Agustín Robredo, Argentina
2. Liliana Quevedo, Colombia
3. Roberto Paez, Colombia
4. Sebastián Perrachon, Uruguay
5. Benjamín Perrachón, Uruguay
6. Herlindo Montenegro, Guatemala
7. Martha Melgar de Ramírez, Guatemala
8. Jacobo Cabassa, Guatemala
9. Elmer López, Guatemala
10. José Manuel Bustos, Costa Rica
11. Marcelo Tames, Costa Rica
12. Miguel Martín Gómez, Costa Rica





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Results and/or agreements reached:

1. A presentation was made by Argentina (Agustín Robredo) on how commercial semen importing houses bring bulls into the country. As this becomes a significant source of income for the Association. Showing the importance for the commercial house that its bulls are promoted.



Photo 1. Mr. Agustín Robredo, representative of Argentina

2. Colombia (Lic. Liliana Quevedo) presented the generational replacement program in which it is shown how to involve young people from a young age, so that they acquire that love for the race. For this purpose, the programs with which they work were presented, one of them being Youth Jersey.



Photo 2: Lic. Liliana Quevedo, Colombia



Photo 3. Mr. Roberto Paez, Colombia y Mr. José Manuel Bustos Costa Rica.





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- Costa Rica presented the need to have registration programs. Nowadays, it is a necessity for them to have a program that can carry all the information from their records, this is because they will no longer have support from the company that offers them the service. For this, Colombia presented the registration program they manage, which can be a model to follow.



Photo 4: Presentation Mr. José Manuel Bustos, Costa Rica

- Guatemala (Herlindo Montenegro) presented the way in which the Jersey breed has positioned itself in the country through the different exhibitions that have been held. How this serves as a significant source of financing for the Association, thanks to the trust and support it has from the different commercial companies. It has been reflected in the fact that more and more gold sponsors want to provide support.
- Uruguay (Sebastián Perrechón) presented the topic of genetic evaluation and where they are going as a country, showing the country's growth trend



Photo 5. Sr. Sebastián Perrachón, Uruguay

- There was a visit from the WJCB secretary, Mr. Roger Trehwella, who was pleased with the development of the meeting, and urged us to continue working together for the good of the Jersey breed. Likewise, the vice president for Latin America before the WJCB, Mr. Jacobo Cabassa, also participated.





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Photo 6. Mr. Jacobo Cabassa, Vice President of Latin America Ante el WJCT y Sr. Roger Trehwella, secretario WJCB.

PART III

Day: Monday, November 27, 2023

Location: Clarion Suites hotel

Presents:

- a. Agustín Robredo, Argentina
- b. Liliana Quevedo, Colombia
- c. Roberto Paez, Colombia
- d. Sebastián Perrachon, Uruguay
- e. Benjamín Perrachón, Uruguay
- f. Herlindo Montenegro, Guatemala
- g. Martha Melgar de Ramírez, Guatemala



Results and/or agreements reached:

1. It was proposed and unanimously agreed by those present that Mr. Roberto Paez, president of the Colombian association, be appointed as the new Vice President for Latin America before the WJCB. June 2024.
2. This decision will be communicated to Mr. Jacobo Cabassa, current vice president of Latin America before the WJCB, and will also be presented to the WJCB board.
3. The sister country of Uruguay is agreed as the venue for the next meeting of the Latin American Forum, and its association of Jersey Livestock Breeders as hosts





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4. It is proposed to maintain the relationship and constant communication with interested Latin associations. At the moment Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Uruguay, and other Latin associations will be contacted to invite them to be part of the Forum group Latin American (Ecuador is already part, but has not participated: Andrés Amador and Byron Solís). These associations will be able to maintain constant communication through a WhatsApp group that has been in force since 2021.

5. Among the objectives of the work of the Latin American Forum will be:
 - Strengthening the Jersey Breed
 - Get the Jersey brand on milk, cheese and other dairy products.
 - Update, among all countries, knowledge and advances with the breed; its advantages as a breed, milk production; those related to health, food, genetics and production, etc.
 - Support between associations on those issues that we are having problems, as far as possible
 - Continuous communication

