

Dear Mr./Mrs. President, CEO, Breed Secretary,

During the 2016 European Angus Secretariat Meeting held by the Aberdeen-Angus Portugal - breeders association delegates from 11 countries discussed several topics, which you can find as attachment the minutes.

- One of the topics that was highlighted by Portugal, was how could we can bringing, in a formal manner, the European Societies/Associations together in order to:
- Promote the relationship between European countries that have a reference to breed Angus (in alphabetical order): Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Northern Ireland; Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Wales ;
- Promote sharing information about numbers, breeding policies, genetic evaluation, events, etc.;
- Increase promotion Europe-wise about the breed, for producers, industry and consumer awareness about Aberdeen-Angus genetics;
- Close cooperation between European Countries/EU countries;
- Maintain the purity of Aberdeen-Angus seedstock genetics;
- Give assistance to countries that desire to establish Herd Books and/or certified beef schemes.

The proposal was discussed and approved unanimously by the delegates as follows:

- The organization relates to Aberdeen-Angus breed;
- The designation is such that does not get in conflict with established organizations;
- The Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society (Scotland) is to maintain a permanent office;
- A code of practice proposal will be developed by the Aberdeen-Angus Portugal association and the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society to be discussed with delegate countries present at the EAF 2016 meeting;
- If approved on time, the organization will be formally presented at the Delegate's Meeting at the WAF- UK 2017.

Taking that task, both the Aberdeen-Angus Portugal (Breed Secretary - Paulo Costa) and the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society (Chief Executive - Johnny Mackey) developed a proposal for the code of practice in order to be discussed by the countries represented as well as other European countries that would agree on a membership.

The organization is to be named "European Aberdeen-Angus Secretariat" and the content of the proposal is attached to this message.

In order to fulfil the resolution of the 2016 EAF meeting we request the organizations to submit the **appreciation and contributes** to clear and/or to improve the present proposal by **the end of January 2017 (i.e. 31/01/2017)**.

After that a consolidated document will be submitted for a **final approval** to those willing to become a member association/society **till April 21st 2017**.

If possible the establishment of the so called European Aberdeen-Angus Secretariat will take place during the World Angus Forum delegate's meeting on June 21st 2017 in Edinburgh.

We sincerely wish that the proposal's content does highlight the purpose of the Secretariat and

would be glad to receive all contributes to improve the document.

Very best regards,

Paulo Costa

Breed Secretary

EAF 2016 Meeting Chairman