

InterPIG is an international group of pig production economists. Goal is the group is information exchange about the pig production in de participating countries and the setup of an annual cost comparison of pig production. Wageningen Economic Research participates in this informal forum, represented by Robert Hoste.

The group started in 2003 as a small group. Current members are: Schweinebörse, Austria Landwirtschaftskammer Niederösterreich, Austria Boerenbond, Belgium Ministry of Agriculture of Vlaanderen, Belgium Embrapa, Brazil Canadian Pork Council, Canada Ústav zemědělské ekonomiky a informací (ÚZEI), Czech Republic Seges, Denmark Atria, Finland Institut du Porc (IFIP), France Interessengemeinschaft der Schweinehalter Deutschlands (ISN), Germany Thünen Institute, Germany Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB), Great Britain Agrárgazdasági Kutató Intézet (AKI), Hungary Teagasc, Ireland Centro Ricerche Produzioni Animali (CRPA), Italy Wageningen Economic Research, Netherlands SIP Consultors, Spain Gård & Djurhälsan, Sweden Iowa State University, USA

The InterPIG Development Group prepares meetings and discussions, and consists of representatives

of Great Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark, France and the host country for the upcoming annual meeting. AHDB is acting secretary. Chairmanship rotates annually.

Annual meetings are held jointly with the agri benchmark Pigs group. July 2019 our annual meeting was held in Beijing, China. In 2020 the meeting will be in Hungary. During these meetings information is exchanged about



developments in the countries concerning legislation, market, structure of the pig sector, productivity, cost etc. An extended discussion takes place on the information supplied by each member. A lot of work has been done already on harmonisation of parameter definitions.

The group is willing to expand with other member countries. Participation is possible, provided that data of (cost of) pig production is supplied to the group. Language of communication is English.

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