

PRESS RELEASE

VikingGenetics merger with Finnish Cattle Breeding ready

At the delegates' meeting 10 December the pieces for the merger between VikingGenetics and Faba in Finland fell into place.

On 1 January 2010 the largest merger in cattle breeding will take place when cattle breeding in Denmark, Sweden and Finland is joined in one society – VikingGenetics.

The VikingGenetics Board of Representatives consists of 120 delegates – 60 from Denmark, 30 from Sweden and 30 from Finland.

VikingGenetics services almost 30 000 cattle breeders in Denmark, Sweden and Finland and cover a very large geographical area from the south of Jutland in south and to the part called Lapland in north.

The Board of Representatives elected the following for the VikingGenetics Board of Directors:

Sweden

Chairman
Lars-Inge Gunnarsson
Mats Eriksson
Johan von Scheele
Erling Gustafsson
Mia Sjögren

Denmark

Vice Chairman
Jan Duchwaider
Erik Hansen
Anton Hammershøj
Lars Iversen
Anders Levring
Anders Dahlgård
Casper Pedersen
Knud J. Nielsen
Lisbet Holm

Finland

Vice Chairman
Anna Lappalainen
Tiina Mitikka
Kari Tahvanainen
Juha Kantoniemi

The Management consists of:

Niels Bo, Denmark
Magnus Håård, Sweden
Antti Latva-Rasku, Finland

Further, Magnus Håård is manager of the export company VikingGenetics International, a VikingGenetics subsidiary exporting to more than 50 countries.

Antti Latva-Rasku is also manager of the national insemination and service company in Finland, FABA,

The remaining managing staff in VikingGenetics is:

Holstein Manager: Lars Nielsen, Denmark
Responsible for Holstein in: Sweden: Hans Stålhammar
Finland: Sari Morri

RDC Manager: Auli Himanen, Finland
Responsible for RDC in: Sweden: Lars-Olof Bårström
Denmark: Lisbet Holm

Jersey Manager: Peter Larson, Denmark

Beef Breeds Manager: Jørgen Skov, Denmark
Responsible for Beef Breeds in: Sweden: Charlotte Andersson
Finland: Kaisa Sirkko

Head of Research & Development: Søren Borchersen, Denmark
Chief Genetics: Hans Stålhammar, Sweden

Chief Veterinarian: Margareta Håård, Sweden

Head of Production: Seppo Lintukangas, Finland

Head of Marketing Dept.: Lisbet Holm, Denmark
Responsible for marketing in: Sweden: Malin Fröjelin
Finland: Mikko Säynäjärvi

IT Manager: Anita Frick, Sweden

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