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## **SPAIN becomes new member of EuroGenomics**

On 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2011, CONAFE, the Spanish Confederation of Holstein Associations signed its partnership with EuroGenomics. CONAFE represents the Spanish Holstein breeding organisations, including the four Spanish AI companies.

Also INIA, the National Institute of Agricultural Research, has become research partner and will benefit from the methods developed under the partnership.

With this integration into EuroGenomics, CONAFE, INIA and Spanish AI-Companies will benefit not only from the common bull reference population, but also from the know-how in Genomic Selection of the partners. This will lead to a reliable genomic evaluation in Spanish cattle breeding and give the opportunity to the Spanish breeders to get at their disposal new tools for the selection and the profitability of their farms.

With the extended partnership the EuroGenomics members now have a reference population of more than 20,000 progeny tested bulls. Within a month an updated exchange will bring the reference population to more than 22,000 bulls.

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With this new partner, EuroGenomics demonstrates that cooperation in genomics is becoming closer and closer at the European level.

