**WJCB Secretary’s Report 2021**

Following the postponement of the **Bureau Tour to France** until 2022, the **Annual** **Council** and triennial **Bureau Meetings** were successfully completed through the combination of an initial exchange ‘By Correspondence’ followed by a ‘Virtual Meeting.’ This attracted more input and interaction than the traditional format of two in-person meetings, making it something to be explored further for the future.

As an outcome from the meetings the Bureau successfully **transferred its bookkeeping** function to ABC (Accountancy and Bookkeeping Company) Jersey at the end of 2021. This is a critical step towards protecting Bureau banking services from possible Brexit changes.

In May Eduardo Robert, Bureau Vice-President Latin America was appointed as the **‘Senior Agrifood Value Chain Specialist with emphasis on Sustainable Development.’** This is an important position within the government of Costa Rica with the potential to have a much wider and greater impact. Whilst extremely demanding, puts a Jersey breeder who describes himself as ‘always having cattle in his heart and the feeling of rubber boots on his feet,’ in a very influential position.

The **African Jersey Forum** staged a Virtual Conference **‘The Jersey Footprint in Africa’** which attracted almost one thousand participants over two days. Long-term Jersey supporter, Prof. Jude Capper made the point that, over approximately twelve years, methane degrades in the atmosphere. This is not being allowed for within the Carbon Net Zero calculation. Whilst agriculture must pull its weight in addressing rising temperatures, it is even more essential that we all lobby, globally, for this unfair calculation to be rectified. If not, it will be easy for politicians to have cattle needlessly slaughtered, providing a quicker fix than addressing the problems caused by heavy industry and transport which are emitting carbon which takes three hundred years or more to degrade.

 During the year Jersey Australia also commissioned **Jersey Most Profitable and Sustainable Cow Project.** This wide-ranging literature review provides a wealth of information which combined to offera 6% year-on-year higher Return On Investment.

Respectfully submitted.

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