



# Newsletter

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### EDITORIAL

ICRAD has now been running for 4 years. During this period, we have had some setbacks, but more importantly also a lot of progress.

We have successfully launched 3 calls. The first two calls resulted in 29 funded projects, and the third call will add even more.

We have created a Strategic Research and Innovation agenda (SRIA) and an implementation plan. This was done in close collaboration with the new Partnership for Animal Health and Welfare (PAHW). This is an important cross-network collaboration as it allows ICRAD to transfer the ideas and results achieved during both ICRAD and the previous networks in an orderly manner to PAHW. Ensuring that our legacy lives on. PAHW is expected to launch in the first quarter of 2024.

As mentioned, there have been some bumps on the road along the way. The most critical was identified in the midterm reports of the projects funded under the first call. Here it became clear that 16 of 19 funded projects were severely hit by delays, shortages and other challenges imposed by mainly the Covid-19 crisis and the war in Ukraine. The problems were so severe that they endangered the integrity of the projects. Only an extension of the project could remedy these unforeseen problems.

Fortunately, with the help from our very capable project participants, we were able to get an extension of ICRAD for one additional year. ICRAD will now run until September 30, 2025. This extension implies that we can extend the funded projects of the first call in order to ensure that the projects have the opportunity to deliver as envisioned in the application descriptions. The extension negotiations has already begun.

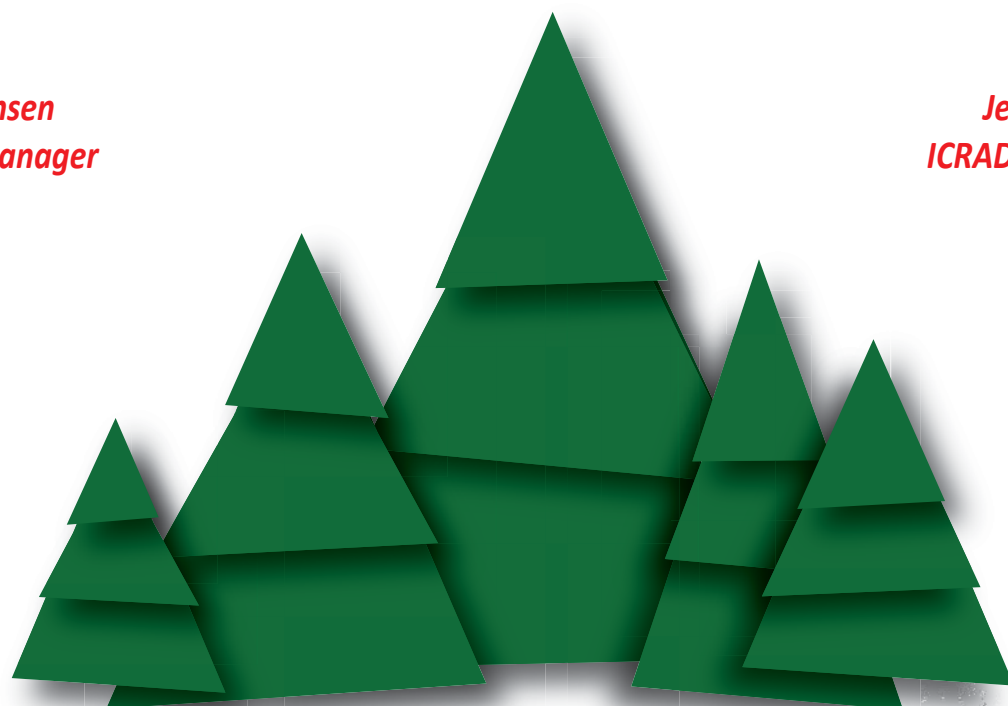
We would also like to congratulate all the projects that, in spite of the challenges mentioned above, managed to contribute to an ICRAD supported article on the achievements so far of the projects of the first call. You can find the article here: GMPC TOP 2023. vol. 3, Iss. 2 pp: 1-12 (<https://g-mpc-akademie.de/articles/gtop/single/143>). The article was published on 12 November 2023. A special thank you goes to Dr. Gamal Wareth of the Friedrich-Löffler-Institut, Jena, for making this possible.

Finally, the 3rd call ICRAD “Helminth infections and changing climate: tackling the challenges for animal health” is running. The pre-proposal step of the 3rd call has been finished. The final selection of proposals is intended for spring 2024.

**We, the coordinator team, wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.**

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***Wishing you and yours  
a happy, healthy  
and abundant new year***

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