

## **Annex 8: Terms of Reference – Validation scale**

Used for CPHP only, by Pete Golob.

Initially, we asked Pete to do the following:

- Drawing on best scientific practice, to develop a scale of validation that would enable someone publishing a technology via TECA to provide potential users with adequate information to make an informed decision about its reliability. For example, a=validated on-station, b=on farm (with under 50 farmers in one region), c=on farm (with over 1000 farmers in one region), d=in more than one region.... Add this scale to the form provided for ToR2 and use it to assess the technologies at ToR2.

Later, after feedback from the team had revealed much debate over the validation scale, we asked him:

- To coordinate a discussion with other interested team members to arrive at a consensus on a validation scale against which to rate the technologies in the project; and to report back to the team meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March. This scale will be used by an 'independent panel' later in the project across all the programmes (except in the case of CPHP, where this was trialled by yourself).

A consensus was never reached and this initiative went no further. See further details in Section 4 of the main report.