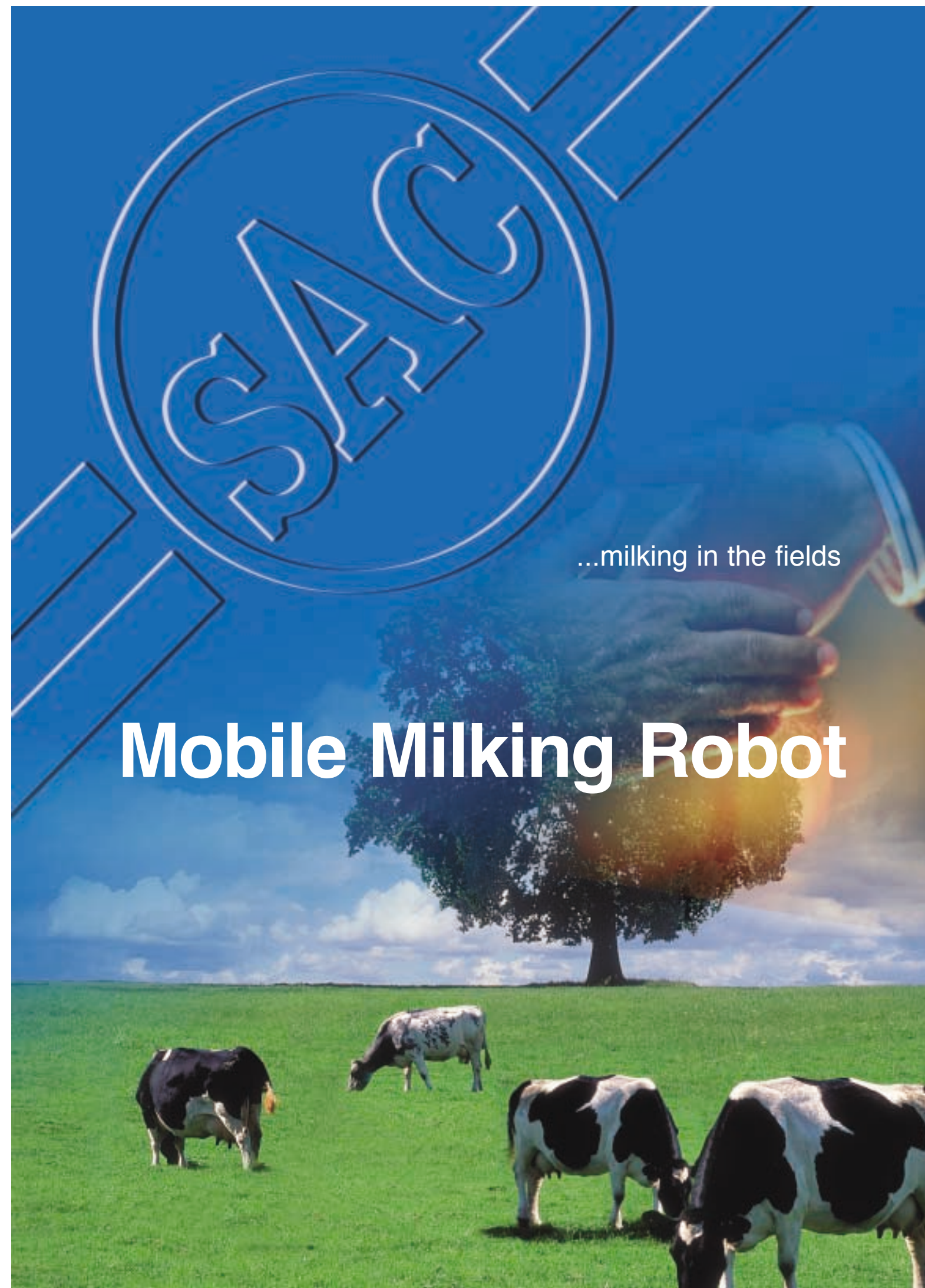


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**Automatic milking moves outdoors
World premiere: Robot milking of dairy cows directly in the field**

Until now automatic milking with robots has taken place indoors. With the creation of the world's first mobile milking robot cows can now be milked directly in the farmer's field.

That is the idea behind the mobile milking robot that has been developed in cooperation between Aktieselskabet S.A. Christensen & Co., the organic farmers Niels Skou, and Anni and Brian Madsen, and the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Aarhus.

Can milk up to 100 cows

The robot has been in action for the past three months and is a prototype still undergoing development. The robot can milk about 100 cows and stands freely in the pasture.

- The mobile milking robot provides all dairy farms with the possibility of letting their cows graze in the summertime, including those farms that do not have enough land around the cow houses or where there is a long way from the pasture to the robot in the cow house, says Head of Research Unit Frank W. Oudshoorn from the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Aarhus, who fostered the idea of having a milking robot in the field.

The idea was put into practice by robot coordinator Niels Dybdahl from S.A. Christensen & Co., who has stood for the design of the present prototype.

- Our milking robot RDS Futureline is built in a portable container in which the milk tank and all necessary equipment are situated, says Niels Dybdahl.

Organic farming and animal welfare

For the organic farmer Brian Madsen robot milking of cows in the pasture is an opportunity to improve animal welfare.

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