

**2017  
IFMA  
Congress  
at a glance**

# “Future Farming Systems”

**Date**  
2nd to 7th July 2017

**Location**  
Edinburgh

**Organised by**  
IAgrM and SRUC

**Pre Tour**  
London to  
Edinburgh 25th June to  
1st July

**Post tour**  
Scotland 8th July to  
14th July

**When Can I  
book?**  
Bookings will be able  
to be made on the  
website from October  
2016

**Contact details**  
[www.ifma21.org](http://www.ifma21.org)

**Papers & Posters**  
A call for papers and  
posters will be made  
very shortly

## The 21<sup>st</sup> International Farm Management Congress



“Future Farming Systems”  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Edinburgh, UK

2017 Congress Patron HRH Princess Royal

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SEPTEMBER 2016

How time flies and now it is only 10 months to go to the 2017 IFMA Congress and the organising committee are hard at work making arrangements.

Edinburgh is clearly a very popular choice for the 2017 IFMA Congress as well as the Pre & Post Tours and based on this we are expecting a high attendance.

- The Congress will be based at the John McIntyre Conference Centre at the edge of Holyrood Park.
- The Congress will follow the well proven model with;
  - Formal Congress/Conference on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings
  - Contributed papers and workshops on the Monday and Wednesday afternoons
  - Field trips on the Tuesday and Thursday
  - Evening functions:
    - Welcome Party Sunday, Reception Monday, Formal Dinner Wednesday and social evening on Thursday.

### Congress Accommodation

The Congress will be based at the John McIntyre Conference Centre which has a good range of on-site accommodation. Edinburgh is a vibrant and interesting city with many options for accommodation and we are offering a range of accommodation to book via the IFMA website site with two providers:

- **Edinburgh First:**

Will be managing the accommodation at the Congress venue which has a range of options making use of two on-site hotels and a range of high quality ensuite student accommodation.

- **Convention Edinburgh:**

Will be offering a range of hotels within the city centre that should cover all requirements allowing those who chose this option to stay off-site.

- **Transport**

Edinburgh is serviced by a first class public transport network and we plan to make use of this during the Congress.

All delegates will receive a bus pass allowing them to use the city wide public transport network for the period of time they are attending the Congress.

If you intend to stay in any of the city hotels we suggest you make use of the App or website provided by Lothian buses and information can be found at <https://lothianbuses.co.uk/getting-around/smartphone-apps>

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**FUTURE FARMING SYSTEMS**

INTERNATIONAL FARM MANAGEMENT CONGRESS  
**EDINBURGH 2017**

**PRE CONGRESS TOUR**  
25TH JUNE TO 1ST JULY 2017

Study tour visiting Agricultural Businesses on route from Windsor (London) to Edinburgh

**THE 21ST IFMA CONGRESS**  
2ND JULY TO 7TH JULY 2017

The Congress based at the John McIntyre Conference Centre, Edinburgh

**POST CONGRESS TOUR**  
8TH JULY TO 14TH JULY 2017

Study tour visiting Agricultural Businesses in the Scottish Highlands





For more information, contact us by:  
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**Edinburgh Items of Interest**

Edinburgh replaced Scone as the capital of Scotland in 1437.

Edinburgh Castle is built on the site of an extinct volcano.

Originally the Scots mile was longer than the English Mile, but it was abolished as a unit of measure by the 1824 Weights and Measures Act.

It's a tale of two cities. The Old Town is the network of medieval streets that winds down from the Castle. The New Town begins to the north of the Castle and the gardens that used to function as a moat around the old city. Both are UNESCO world heritage sites.

Edinburgh has more bars and restaurants per capita than any other city in the UK.

According to a recent poll, numpty is Scotland's favourite word, so it might be a good idea to learn that one; "the term implies general idiocy, often accompanied by windbaggery". Although the Edinburgh accent is one of the most forgiving to the uninitiated, Scots actually use different words for many items. Some agricultural terms are; 'wire' can mean string in some parts of Scotland, 'fanks' and 'bucht's' and 'folds' are all terms used to describe temporary holding pens for sheep!

Last but not least, 'Auld Reekie' is a nickname for Edinburgh!

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