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Dear IFMA Member,

IFMA20 Contributed Paper Deadline – 15th March 2015

The deadline for submitting contributed papers is fast approaching – less than three weeks away now. Remember there are three categories for submitting papers; Peer Review for those requiring academic approval for their paper, Non-Peer Review for those who don't - which should appeal to those submitting practical papers & case/project studies, and Poster abstracts. Practical papers and Posters on all aspects of farm management are particularly welcome.

Acceptance of papers should be received by April 15th and at least one author of a paper must register as a Full Delegate for the congress by 1st May. If you are planning to submit a paper but are not able to meet the 15th March deadline, or are having any difficulty submitting your paper, please notify the congress organisers by e-mail to info@ifma20.org

Accepted papers will be allocated a presentation slot of 15 minutes with 5 minutes of questions. Those submitting Poster abstracts will be allocated a position in the display area.

The sub themes for papers, the specifications for papers and posters, and details of the submission process can all be found on the congress website here: <http://www.ifma20.org/en/Call-for-papers> (click the link or copy the URL into your browser).

International Journal of Agricultural Management (IJAM) Vol4 No2 is Published

The latest edition of our IJAM Journal is now published and available online at Ingenta Connect. Attached you will find the table of contents. This IJAM issue is a special edition with the title ***Agricultural sustainability through agrifood system management***. You can read and download the papers from here: <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/iagrm/ijam> Note: You need to have registered as a subscriber member to be able to read the latest edition – contact me if you need reminding of the process for registration. The first 10 editions of the Journal are now on free access to non-members.

This edition also marks the end of Martyn Warren's editorship of IJAM. Martyn has handed over the role of Managing Editor of IJAM to Dr Matt Lobley, Co-Director of the Centre for Rural Policy Research at the University of Exeter, United Kingdom. Matt is no stranger to IJAM, as he has been a member of the Editorial Board since its inauguration, a trusted reviewer and the author of a refereed article. Martyn was the main inaugurator of the Journal, from concept of the Journal through discussions between the Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM) and the IFMA to amalgamate their respect journals, researching and then negotiating with the online publication organisations to delivering a new online edition of IJAM regularly every 3 months during the past 3½ years, culminating in 14 published issues. Without Martyn's dedication and perseverance IJAM would not have come about or been nearly so successful.

So we say a humble and grateful "Thank You" to Martyn (who I am sure will continue his interest in the Journal) and a large "Welcome and Good Luck" to Matt as he takes over the helm.

You can find out more – including some very good advice for prospective contributors (lower down on the home page) – on the IJAM website at <http://www.ijagman.org/home> (click the link or copy the URL into your browser).

Looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Québec in July. Please do keep promoting the congress to others as this is now a critical time for ensuring the success of the congress. The daily program/schedule of the congress and the field trips are due an update on the website any day now – so do keep visiting the website.

Best Regards,
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The 20th IFMA Congress will be held at Université Laval, Québec City, Canada, 12th-17th July 2015. Congress Website – www.ifma20.org