

## **IFMA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2015 – IFMA20 Congress Special**

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This Newsletter will be the main guide document for Members from IFMA for the IFMA20 Congress – so please hang on to it if you are planning to, or are considering, attending. Please register on the IFMA20 website for further Newsletters if you have not already done so to be sure of getting the latest updates.

NB: All the blue and underlined pieces of text in this document have a hyperlink for your convenience – either to places with-in the Newsletter (the headings and back to top links) or to website pages on the IFMA20 website or ifmaonline.org website.

#### **IFMA20 Website – extensive update**

The IFMA20 website has recently had a large amount of information about the congress added and updated – most of which is covered below. But please do visit the website soon and click the tabs across the pages to see what is available. For instance if you are looking for information on contributing papers – click the link to Call for Papers on each page or click the drop down tab for Registration and then the Call for Papers option. If you want to see the Field Trips click the Program Tab and select Field Trip option – and you can then download the Field Trip PDF file to reference when registering for the congress and choosing your field trip options. (Note – the current file is likely to be updated as further information becomes available).

#### **IFMA20 Newsletter issued**

The first IFMA20 congress newsletter to those who signed up has been issued by the organisers. To receive the latest information as the plans for the congress develop you need to sign-up on the website to receive the Newsletters if you have not already done so. Here is a link to the first Newsletter (in PDF format) if you have not received it: [1<sup>st</sup> IFMA20 Newsletter](#).

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#### **\*\*Registration Now Open\*\***

#### **You can now register for the congress!**

Remember before doing so you need to have downloaded and read the Field Trip document so that you can make your choices for the trips on Tuesday and Thursday. Remember you also need to be a current paid up Member of IFMA at the time of the congress to attend. If you need to you can renew your membership for two years whilst registering for the congress and pay with your congress fees – or you can renew online (1yr) on the [IFMA website](#) if your membership runs out before the **end** on July 2015.

Accommodation is NOT included in the delegate fee – so you should use the information and links on the Accommodation Page to book your accommodation.

**The Registration Early Bird discount operates until 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015** – so please register before that date to secure your place at the discounted rate. Please don't leave it until the last minute to register – remember places on field trips are a first come first served basis!

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## Plenary Speakers Announced

You can view the distinguished and exciting group of Plenary Speakers so far arranged for the main sessions of the Congress – they offer a broad range of expertise and experience from which new ideas and learning will undoubtedly flow.

## Field Trips

Basic descriptions of the [Field Trips](#) are now available to download in Field Trips Document in PDF format. There are 7 Field Trip (Circuit) options to choose from for Tuesday and Thursday of the Congress. Each day long circuit has 4 visits included to a variety of largely farm based enterprises. The choice is wide – from Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Poultry, Cheese, Cranberries, Maple Syrup, Blackcurrants & Cassis, Berry fruits, Tomatoes, Green houses and Horticultural Nurseries, and local Markets. Expect to be surprised by the entrepreneurial expertise, research, financial management and marketing skills that are deployed by these enterprises! A very “tasteful” set of visits I am sure!

## Call for Papers

As mentioned in the last Newsletter – the [Call for Papers](#) section provides all the information needed for preparing and submitting papers (peer review and non-peer review) and posters to this vital part of the congress. Please note the deadline for submitting papers is **15<sup>th</sup> March 2015**, with the end of the review period 1 month later on 15<sup>th</sup> April – and that one author for each paper must have registered by the **end of the Early Bird period – the 1<sup>st</sup> May** - for the paper to be accepted into the Contributed Paper sessions. Each paper receives a slot of 15 minutes for presentation plus 5 minutes questions. This is a great and unique opportunity to present a paper on a farm management topic to an international audience! Papers will be published for the event, and then later published on the IFMA website in the proceedings Section where some 700 papers now reside. Some of the papers will be selected for publication in the *International Journal of Agricultural Management*.

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## Accompanying Person Program

An outline of the program for [Accompanying Persons](#) is now available on the website which includes some of the visits to interesting and historic sites as well as details of what is included in the AP package – more details should be available soon. Québec is a beautiful and well contained city with a character all of its own.

Accompanying persons also get to join or choose their own Field Trips from the list of 7 “tasteful” options - and also attend all the social events.

## Accommodation

All delegates need to book their own accommodation (it is NOT included in the delegate fee). A variety of hotel and student accommodation is available on the recommended list on the [Accommodation Page](#) of the IFMA20 website. All the recommended hotels are within the Jaro Group with whom special prices have been negotiated. Université Hall accommodation is also available in two forms.

The “official hotel” of the congress is the **Palace Royale Hotel** in the old town of Québec. This hotel will host the welcome reception (Meet & Greet Cocktail) on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July evening and the formal Banquet on Wednesday night. Congress Registration on the Sunday will be based in this hotel – and then moved to the congress venue at Université Laval on the Monday. The coaches for Field Trips will pick up from this hotel as well as from the Université. So this hotel is probably the most convenient for congress activities – and offers easy access to the old town.

The other 2 recommended hotels – the Plaza Québec Hotel and the Lindbergh Hotel are nearer to the Congress venue at Université Laval. Please see the details on the website and use the links to book your accommodation. Any questions should be directed to the individual hotel.

The “+taxes” for accommodation include 3 taxes and amount to around 19% for accommodation in Québec (similar to our VAT in Europe, but added as a separate amount). We can personally recommend all the hotels listed here, and as the free bus passes issued to all full delegates will take you from the hotels to the congress venue at Université Laval (and back), they are probably the most convenient for the congress. Field Trip and Accompanying person coaches will likely to depart and return to the Palace Royal Hotel and Université – exact arrangements are still to be confirmed.

If you are looking for cheaper accommodation the halls of residence at the Université are fairly basic but of a good standard. The “rooms with private bathroom” are perfectly acceptable and I believe all

come with a double bed as well as the facilities listed. There are a limited number of these “superior rooms” – so early booking is highly recommended. With the “regular rooms” you will have to share bathing and toilet facilities – in separate blocks from the rooms. Do use the “Informations” link below the University Accommodation tab to see photos and details of the rooms, washroom facilities and the superior rooms with private bathrooms. When you are ready click on the link “this form” for booking - and then look for the “Convention” drop down box and select our congress as instructed. I believe one specific hall will be used for IFMA bookings, but I don't know which. Note that breakfast taken in a refectory is included in the Université accommodation rates.

**All Full Delegates will be issued with a week long bus pass (free and included in the delegate package) that will enable them to travel on the public bus service between the hotels and congress venue at will.** I understand the public bus service to and from the Université is excellent and frequent. You can see the times to allow on the accommodation page.

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### Pre and Post Congress Tours

The Pre and Post Congress Tours are being arranged by a company called Leader Tours (from Calgary) which specialises in agricultural tours. On the [Pre and Post Congress Tours Page](#) you can find the outline details and links to the full detailed itineraries with costs in downloadable PDF format, and a link to the Leader Tour website where you can download the booking forms for the tours. Note that the costs are offered in variable rates depending on the number participating in the tour – the more participants there are the cheaper the tour will be - and that a 50% deposit is required at the time of booking. The Post Congress Tour requires an additional flight (not included in the tour price) between Québec and Halifax.

**Please note that bookings for the Pre Congress Tour in Ontario must be made by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and for the Post Tour in Maritimes by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** But don't leave it until then as there are limits on the numbers that can participate.

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### Visas

If you have any doubt at all about whether you need a visa to enter Canada you should check out the information in the Visa section on the [Plan Your Stay Page](#). This section provides links to the various government departments that provide details for those who do not have visa waiver for Canada. If you require a “Letter of Invitation” to support your application for funding or for a visa then you can find the application form for a letter here

[http://www.ifma20.org/documents/files/Invitation\\_request\\_form.pdf](http://www.ifma20.org/documents/files/Invitation_request_form.pdf). You need to complete the form, print it off and send it by email to [info@ifma20.org](mailto:info@ifma20.org) or by fax to (001) 418-644-5944 (international).

Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to friends and colleagues – we depend on you to distribute the information and encourage people to attend the congress and make it a great success. Don't forget - you as a delegate are an integral part of the congress – we learn every bit as much from each other, as we do from the plenary sessions and farm trips!

Best Regards,  
Tony.

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PS - If you have downloaded this e-mail in 'plain' text you should be able to see all the information outlined by going to the relevant pages on the IFMA20 website - address below.

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**Congress Website – [www.ifma20.org](http://www.ifma20.org)**