

IFMA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2014

In this Newsletter:

IFMA20 Congress – Québec, Canada, 12-17 July 2015

Call for Papers – specifications and submission process

Registration Fees – table of fees for Delegates and Accompanying Persons – budget for your attendance.

Pre and Post Congress Tours – Details and costs of Tours.

Congress Promotion – your opportunity!

International Journal of Agricultural Management (IJAM) – New Volume 4, Edition 1 available online now

The IFMA20 Congress website has had several updates recently and these include:

IFMA20 Call for Papers: “Healthy Agriculture for a Healthy World”.

Previously the main theme and 12 subthemes for papers were available on the [Call for Papers webpage](#). This page has now been updated with links to downloadable documents with the full details for submitting contributed papers, the specifications for the peer review (academic), non-peer review (applied / case study) papers, and for posters. Please read these documents carefully before submitting a paper. Also added is the link to the “Online paper submission system” for when you are ready to submit a paper.

The congress organisers are very keen to receive practical applied and case study papers as well as academic papers on a wide range of farm management themes – so please – don’t be shy – do submit a paper as the congress, if nothing else, is about transferring knowledge and experiences from around the world. Each accepted paper will be given a presentation slot of 15 minutes with 5 minutes question time during the congress in themed parallel sessions. Note that at least one author of a paper must register for the congress by the end of the Early Bird period to have their paper included in the proceedings.

IFMA20 Congress Registration Fees Table for Delegates and Accompanying Persons – Early Bird and Standard Rates - budget your attendance.

On the Congress [Registration webpage](#) a table of delegate and accompanying person registration fees is now available. This includes Early Bird pricing and Standard (Regular) Rates. Taxes are also included which **may** be reclaimable in part or in whole. The **Early Bird Rates end on 31st May 2015 – but please do not leave it until then** to register as you may not be able to get your first choices on Field Trips etc. The organisers are planning to have the registration system up and running before the year end.

If you need an exchange rate calculator here is a link to the one I use – [XE.com](#) – you can use the converter situated under the main exchange rate table, selecting the currencies and amounts you wish to calculate. Note that you can add your own currency to the exchange rate table if they are not shown (and this usually remembers this for your computer).

Please remember that you must be a current paid-up member of IFMA to attend the congress – you will be able to renew your membership for two years during the registration process (starting from your due renewal date) at a cost of CAD \$180. Alternatively you can renew online on the [ifmaonline.org](#) website if your membership ends before the start date of the congress.

You can find all the recommended accommodation options and costs on the [Accommodation webpage](#). With this and the delegate fee information – plus travel costs you can now budget for your attendance.

IFMA20 Pre and Post Congress week long Tours – Ontario and Maritime Areas

Under the Program heading you will find the link to the [Pre and Post Congress Tours webpage](#) where you will find the dates and tour highlights of these very popular tours which as usual will contain both agricultural and cultural visits. Below the highlights on the webpage you will find links to documents containing the full itineraries of the two tours – these include hotel details and the costs of the tours. You should note that the tour costs vary depending on numbers participating – so hopefully we can easily achieve over 30 participants for each tour to secure the lower prices.

A deposit is required when booking – which is done by downloading the form from Leader Tours (link available on the downloadable tour itineraries). Leader Tours of Calgary are the tour organisers and there will be a professional agricultural tour guide on each tour. The Pre Tour will start in Toronto and end in Québec at your accommodation, and the Post Tour will start and finish in Halifax and will require a flight from Québec.

IFMA20 Promotion – your opportunity, your responsibility.

Now that the main details for the congress are available on the website it would be a good time to promote the congress to friends and colleagues. We all know that the most successful promotion comes from word-of-mouth and personal contacts recommending the congress. Most IFMA members have the excellent experience of a congress – so we hope that you will take the opportunity to spread the word and encourage others to participate and benefit from an IFMA congress – “share the love” of farming and farm management in modern parlance. After the congress in Poland (and for that matter the congresses in New Zealand, USA, Ireland etc. etc.) we received numerous comments from delegates about the congress not only being most enjoyable because of the friendly atmosphere but also that the contacts and information made and received had paid off handsomely on their return home – “worth it several times over” was one of the comments. I am attaching a simple one page promotion leaflet – however a flyer cannot convey the ambience and sheer experience of attending a congress, so please pass that on too.

International Journal of Agricultural Management (IJAM) – New Volume 4, Edition 1 available online now

The latest edition of the Journal is now available online and I attach a table of contents for your information. You can access the Journal using the hyperlink below. Note that Volumes 1 and 2 are now available for free access to anybody as they are over one year since publishing. Again several of the paper authors are IFMA Members. If you have not yet registered and need a reminder of how to access the latest volumes of IJAM please contact me.

Best Regards,
Tony.

Tony King
Hon. Secretary

International Farm Management Association

Email: ifma@tonyking.info

Phone: +44 (0)1223 832527

IFMA Website - www.ifmaonline.org

IJAM Journal Website - <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/iagrm/ijam>

The 20th IFMA Congress will be held at Université Laval, Québec City, Canada, 12th-17th July 2015.

Congress Website – www.ifma20.org