Dear IFMA Newsletter Subscriber,

I extend a warm welcome to all the new subscribers who have signed up to receive this email newsletter since December.

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Congress Proceedings – ISBN numbers
I am pleased to announce that I have finally been able to track down how to obtain International Standard Book Numbers for internationally based organisations’ publications (via UNESCO) – and have now allocated ISBN numbers to all 3 congress proceedings. The numbering system is slightly complicated in that at present both 10 digit and 13 digit numbers are being allocated in anticipation of a new 13 digit format coming into effect next year (2007). You can find the specific numbers by visiting the website [Congresses] page, selecting [Proceedings], and then clicking on a congress proceedings link. We hope this will be useful to authors needing a reference for their publication.

Brazil Congress – Proceedings and Summary with photos.
Proceedings - The Brazilian authors’ papers for those that were presented at the Congress have now been uploaded, adding a further 12 papers to the 15th Congress proceedings. In addition 3 of the Plenary Session presentations have been added (in PDF format) – those of Prof. Norman Rask, Rob Napier and Dr. Tahir Rehman. If further presentations become available they will be added.

Summary - A summary and photos of the Congress, and the Pre and Post Tours in Brazil, have now been added to the website. You can find these under [Congresses] > [List of Congresses] and selecting the 15th.
The main purpose of the Congress Summaries is to give visitors to our website an insight into what an IFMA Congress involves, and the unique and friendly format of these meetings. Please direct interested colleagues and friends to the ifmaonline.org website.

Journal of International Farm Management – ISSN 1816 - 2495
The 2nd Edition of the Journal is now complete with editorial and three papers – all available on the website: [Journal] > [Contents]
“Farm diversification opportunities in Bulgaria – the perceptions of farmers in the Plovdiv region – a preliminary analysis” by Dr E. Garnevska, Dr J. R. Edwards and Prof. D. R. Vaughan (Massey Uni., NZ & Bournemouth Uni. UK)
“Potential in Agribusiness – Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industry in India” by Dr. S. K. Goyal (CCS Haryana Agricultural Uni., India)
As always John Gardner, the Journal Editor, is very keen to receive papers for the Journal. This is your Journal so please consider submitting suitable papers so that we can rebuild the reputation of the Journal as quickly as possible. If you are not certain whether a particular paper is appropriate for the Journal John will be pleased to help – you can email him on j.w.gardner@massey.ac.nz
If you are particularly interested in the Journal there is a Journal Interest Group and you can [Register your interest] on the [Journal] page.

IFMA Council – 5 new members
Following the elections at the General Meeting in Campinas and a number of co-options following the final Council Meeting, we have 5 new members on Council. First though I need to mention that Assoc. Prof. Martin Bent stands down from Council having completed his term as the Organising Chairman of the 14th Congress in Perth, Australia – we thank Martin for his work in particular in relation to the Congress, but also for holding the fort as Journal Editor for a number of years until we were finally able to set the Journal up on the ifmaonline website.
The five new members are Grace Evbuomwan, Nigeria, currently President of the African Farm Management Association, who will strengthen our representation in west and central Africa, Mike Ogg, Swaziland, who joins Council as the organiser for the next AFMA Congress and who widens our representation with his contacts in the north and east of Africa, Brian Jacobsen, Denmark who replaces Johannes Christensen representing Scandinavia, John Alliston, United Kingdom who is Chairman of the UK Support Group and becomes President Elect, and finally Carroll Merry, USA who leads the organisation for the 2009 Congress in Bloomington/Normal, Illinois. We welcome them all to Council and wish them well in their work for IFMA – you can find their individual profiles on the website under [Council].

16th Congress – 2007 Ireland
Good progress is being made towards the next Congress to be held in Cork in
Ireland from 15th to 20th July 2007, with the Pre Congress Tour in southern Ireland starting on the 7th July, and the Post Congress Tour to Northern Ireland starting on the 20th and finishing on the 27th July. Look for a call for papers in October this year. Click the link below to go to the Congress Website for more information and first announcement brochure.

**Next Update**
I hope to be writing to you again in 2 months time when we should have the new IFMA Membership Scheme to announce.

Best regards,
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