



**IFMA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016**  
**IFMA21 \*\*REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN\*\***

**Dear IFMA Newsletter Subscriber,**

First of all I wish you a very Happy New Year and a Successful 2017!

After a few teething problems, it gives me great pleasure to tell you that Registration for the Congress, Accompanying Person Programme and the Pre and Post Congress Tours are now open, and you can book your accommodation.

January will be a good time to register.

To assist those of you who plan to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> IFMA Congress with budgets – here are tables of the Registration and Pre and Post Congress fees:

**Delegate Fees**

<b>Congress Registration</b>	<b>Early Bird 1</b> (closes <b>31st January 2017</b> )	<b>Early Bird 2</b> (1st February to <b>30th April 2017</b> )	<b>Full Rate</b> (from 1st May)
IFMA Full Congress Delegate (New or Renewing IFMA member*)	£863.00	£901.35	£978.05
IFMA Full Congress Delegate (Current IFMA Member)	£767.00	£805.35	£882.05
Accompanying Person Programme	£498.00	£522.90	£572.70

**Please Note:** All the rates are quoted in GBP (Pounds Sterling) and include VAT where applicable – and are payable at the time of booking.

The organisers have assured me that there will be no slippage on the dates!

\* There is also the option to join IFMA or renew existing memberships on the ifmaonline.org website (without VAT).

**Pre and Post Congress Tours**

<b>Pre Tour – 25<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	£1,210 pp	Bookings after 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 + £100 pp
Single occupancy supplement	+ £353 pp	
<b>Post Tour – 8th – 15th July</b>	£1,399 pp	Bookings after 28th Feb 2017 + £100 pp
Single occupancy supplement	+ £290 pp	

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**A few notes to remember when making your bookings:**

- Please read all the relevant information on the website – particularly on the Registration Page before making your booking.
- You will need to decide your top four **Field Trips** from the eight offered before you start the booking process (including for an Accompanying Person) – these choices will be used for selecting the 2 full day Field Trip days on the Tuesday and Thursday of the congress that you will participate in.
- If you are paying from outside the UK for Registration – it is advisable to inform your Credit Card provider that you will be making the payment to the UK based Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM) – (the principle organisers of the congress).

- For the Pre and Post Congress Tours – when you make your booking you will be transferred to the **Field Farm Tours** website – the company who are organising the Pre and Post Tours. Once on their website scroll down some distance to find the IFMA21 Logo and click on the 'booking form'. Note that only those attending the Congress can participate in the tours. I should also mention that the Pre Tour has recently had an extension to include accommodation on the night of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July as it was realised that there may be difficulties booking your accommodation for the duration of the congress on that night. Transfer to your accommodation on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July will be arranged. Field Farm Tours are ag tour specialists and ATOI registered members. They work with several well-known International Ag. Tour companies. Both tours will have UK IFMA representatives on board who have participated in previous IFMA congress tours.
- Remember to check **if you need a Visa** to enter the UK – and if you do please check the UK Government website for the details. Here is the link to do so: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa> . Be careful to only use the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website as others purport to be official and are not and may charge you.

### Accommodation for the Congress

There is no rush until after the New Year to arrange this – however Edinburgh is a very busy tourist city throughout the year but particularly in Summer and around festivals, so once you have registered to attend the Congress **do not dilly dally over getting your accommodation booked.**

The Congress conference elements (3 days) will be held at the John McIntyre Conference Centre – a modern facility on the Pollock Halls Residential Campus. All coaches for the Field Trip Days and for the Accompanying Person Programme will depart from the Pollock Halls site.

**The Congress Organisers are hoping that most delegates will book accommodation on the Pollock Halls (onsite) campus** as that is the most convenient for the Conference Centre and Coach departure and arrival. This campus is a large residential site (2000 rooms) for Edinburgh University which contains 2 x 3\* hotels as well as several modern, recently built, student accommodation halls. The 2 hotels – Salisbury Green and Masson House - as well as the student accommodation called Chancellor's Court reserved for IFMA all have ensuite accommodation, and offer single, double and twin rooms. You can find out the details and see photos on the website. Pollock Halls is situated slightly out and south of the city centre – and just below Arthur's Seat in Holyrood Park – in a beautifully laid out campus.

Click the Accommodation on the IFMA21 website tab to see the details of the Pollock Halls site 3 options and a list of City Hotels, and once you have done that select the drop downs of 'On Site Accommodation' or 'City Accommodation' to see and make your booking options. The city hotel options shown are I believe to be on or close to bus routes that pass the Pollock Halls site.

Notes about the **Edinburgh First (Pollock Halls)** website:

- *Payment for your booking is taken at the time you book.*
- *Make sure you use the code for obtaining a discount on the booking – this is 'IFMA17' (as opposed to IFMA21).*
- *Rooms have been blocked for the period arr. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – depart Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – with some room availability for the nights of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July (v.limited) and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.*
- *There is limited availability for booking rooms for the night of Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> – if you include this date as the starting date and there is no accommodation available that night you will receive a message "no rooms available" - in which case make your start date on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and you should find rooms available for your selection.*
- *Dates prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> and after the 8<sup>th</sup> will have to be booked separately and do not carry the IFMA discount.*

- *If you want to discuss your needs with Edinburgh First you can telephone them on +44 (0)131 651 2007 or you can e-mail [bed.breakfast@ed.ac.uk](mailto:bed.breakfast@ed.ac.uk) with your enquiry.*

### **Call for Papers**

Don't forget that if you are submitting a paper or poster – they must be submitted by the **10<sup>th</sup> February 2017** – and again I am assured **there will be no slippage on this date** (as there has occasionally been in the past). All **Call for Papers details including paper specifications** are on the IFMA21 website here <http://www.ifma21.org/want-to-present-something/>

Hope this helps with your planning - more in January,

My Best Regards,  
Tony.

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