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## **IFMA Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

Dear IFMA Newsletter Recipient,

For best results please view this newsletter in HTML. In this Newsletter:-

**Journal – Volume 3 Edition 4 now available online, 4 papers.  
16<sup>th</sup> Congress – New Brochure and Printable Pages – Academic paper  
deadline - Registration.  
Regional Events – ASFMRA, NAICC and ASAC joint meetings in Atlanta,  
USA, February 2007.**

### **Journal of International Management – Vol.3 Edition 4.**

A new edition of 4 papers has been added to the ifmaonline website. In this edition there are papers from researchers in Bangladesh, Ireland and Australia.

**IDENTIFYING PROFITABLE URBAN MARKETS FOR VEGETABLES FROM RURAL AREAS:** A study in the northern part of Bangladesh. This paper by Rahman et al focuses on the opportunities for farmers in the northern part of Bangladesh, created by a bridge over the Jamuna River, thereby lowering transport costs for farmers to the capital city, Dhaka.

**EXAMINING THE RELATIVE COMPETITIVENESS OF MILK PRODUCTION:** An Irish Case Study (1996 - 2004). The interest of Thorne and Fingleton is on smaller family farms in Ireland and their prospects given the forecast for falling milk prices.

**IMPROVING LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY TO FACILITATE VIABILITY ON SMALLER IRISH DAIRY FARMS.** This paper by O'Brien et al deals with a related issue for Irish dairy farming, being the country's relative competitiveness not only within the EU, but also globally.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND DAIRY FARMER SATISFACTION WITH PERFORMANCE – J L Harrison.** reports a study on financial management practices, important in explaining farmer satisfaction. The research is based on a

survey of dairy farmers in New South Wales, Australia.

Follow the link to the Edition Page on ifmaonline : [http://www.ifmaonline.org/pages/jou\\_articles.php?issues=4](http://www.ifmaonline.org/pages/jou_articles.php?issues=4)

### **16<sup>th</sup> Congress – New Brochure and Printable Website Pages - [www.ifma16.org](http://www.ifma16.org)**

An all new **16<sup>th</sup> Congress Brochure** is now available for downloading from the Irish Congress website as an Adobe PDF file. Scroll to the bottom of the home page (or several others) and click the link and make your selection.

There are **two versions** – One for viewing on screen and/or printing off on a desktop printer – devised so that all the pages are in the correct order, and another for printing double sided pages, folding and stapling in the centre to make an excellent 16 page colour brochure of the congress – ideal for printing off to take to meetings etc.

The brochure contains most of the information on the website, and includes the details of the pre and post congress tours, the accompanying person programme, the social programme as well as an outline of the 6 day Congress Programme and the Registration Fees for all the major elements.

**Please help us by emailing / distributing copies to your colleagues** – to anyone you think might be interested in attending the congress.

**Also Printable Website Pages** – the website pages now have a printer icon in the top right corner – use this to have a printer friendly PDF of the page you want – and you can save it to your computer and/or print the page contents.

**Academic Paper Deadline** – The deadline for submitting abstracts for Academic (Peer Reviewed) Papers is fast approaching – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006. If you are going to have problems meeting that deadline please notify the organisers and give them a date when you will be able to supply your abstract ([ifma16@ucc.ie](mailto:ifma16@ucc.ie)). Obviously those submitted on time have a better chance of being selected for presentation.

**Congress Registration** – this is now likely to start early in January. All is virtually ready – but setting up the online registration and payment system is taking longer than originally hoped.

### **Regional Events – ASFMRA, NAICC and ASAC joint meetings in Atlanta, USA, February 2007**

Under **News and Events> Regional Events>** on the ifmaonline.org website - in addition to the conferences highlighted in the last Newsletter you will find an announcement of the joint conference meetings of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraiser, the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants and the American Society of Agricultural Consultants being held

from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February in Atlanta, USA – and you can download a PDF brochure.

2006 is nearly done, 2007 and what ever it holds is just around the corner. For those of you who have festivities at this time of year – I hope you have an enjoyable time – and to everyone, may I wish you have very happy and successful New Year.

Best Regards,  
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