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A NEW EDITION of the Journal of International Farm Management – Volume 4, Edition 4 is NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE.

The latest edition of the Journal is now available on the ifmaonline.org website. There are five papers in the edition – from France, Bangladesh, Ireland, Canada and Zimbabwe. Subjects include projects for poverty reduction in Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, cost efficiency and the impact of the change to Single Farm Payments in Europe on dairy farms in Ireland and France respectively, and introducing alfalfa into the rotation in Western Canada.

As John Gardner says in the Editorial “The Journal is a medium for bringing the farm management profession together, be they academics, consultants, advisers or farmers. The papers report important findings for farm management in various countries. We can see what are the challenges and issues confronting farm managers around the world. Hopefully from the papers in this edition we can get a greater appreciation of problems elsewhere, how farm managers are tackling them, from which we can all learn”. We hope you find these papers interesting.

I hope previous editors will not mind me highlighting the fact that the JIFM under John Gardner’s care has seen the most consistent run of editions since the JIFM originally came into existence in hardcopy form back in 1985. During the years up to the launch of the online version in July 2005 the struggle was keeping up-to-date postal addresses together with the cost of postage to international subscribers. Our website provides an ideal medium for publication with access available to anyone around the world who is interested. I know from the website statistics that the numbers visiting and downloading papers is rising rapidly with each passing year with over 27,200 visits in 2008, up from 10,600 in 2006.

Our thanks therefore go to John, his co-referees, and to his assistant Denise Stewart who prepares the papers for publishing, for their work in maintaining a consistent high standard. As always John is ready to receive papers from all around the world, and we thank all those who have submitted their work for publication in the Journal.

17th Congress – Submitted Papers and Posters.

The period for submitting papers and posters for the congress is now over. I am pleased to inform you that the organisers have received over 100 papers and posters, and that the reviewers are busy working on them now with the intention of letting people know the results of the review process as early as they can. Many thanks to all those who submitted papers - we very much look forward to hearing and meeting you in Bloomington in July.

Best Regards,
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