



## IFMA NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2017

### IFMA21 – Registration for the Congress Closed

### Country Reports from IFMA Council Members – from 10 Countries

John Alliston

Dear IFMA Newsletter Subscriber,

In this Newsletter – which is best viewed in HTML

#### IFMA21 - Registration For the Congress

Registration for the congress has now closed for Full Delegates due to reaching full capacity for the venues and for the Field Trips - but there are a few day delegate places left.

Final plans for the week-long event are now being concluded. Delegates should have received an e-mail giving them the "Joining details" for the congress. If you are a delegate and have not received the e-mail please contact [Richard Cooksley](#).

#### Country Reports for year to June 2017

Each year the IFMA Council Members produce a personal report about the farm management environment in which they are operating. This year we have 10 such reports from all around the world covering weather, politics, markets and farming conditions. They do make fascinating reading – we hope they are in a suitably accessible format for quick and easy reading. The weather does seem to have played its part in the uncertainty of farming – both in a good and a bad way.

A copy of this group of reports is available on the IFMA website Articles page here: [Articles Page](#)

#### John Alliston – Past President of IFMA

It is with both shock and a deep sadness that I have to inform you of the tragic death of our past President - Professor John Alliston.

We received the announcement from the Royal Agricultural University on 9<sup>th</sup> June, and you can see the information here:

<https://www.rau.ac.uk/about/news-and-events/news/rau-mourns-loss-professor-john-alliston>

Some of you will know John – he attended many congresses – participating with great enthusiasm, and he was always ready to engage with everyone, and loved a joke and a laugh. And always in a self-deprecating way.

He was President of IFMA from 2007 (Irish Congress) to 2013 (Polish Congress). John was involved (usually as a volunteer) in so many organisations as well as doing his 'day-job' teaching at the Royal Agricultural College (now University) where he was the Dean of the School of Agriculture until his retirement. Only this last October (2016) he was awarded the UK Farmers' Weekly Life Time Achievement Award. More information about John on our website here

His main purpose in life was to help others to forward themselves in their careers. He will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched. We join in sending our commiserations to his wife and family. We will no doubt be mourning his loss - as well as raising a glass in celebration of his life and his contribution to ours during our up-coming congress.

Following the announcement of the tragic and untimely death of John Alliston last week we will be acknowledging his contribution to IFMA at the IFMA21 Congress. There will be a Book of Condolences available for those who wish to remember him – and if you wish to bring a photo or two to place in the book that will also be welcome. If you are attending the congress and have memories of John, please do make an entry.

If you are not attending, but would like to send a few words in an e-mail to be included in the Book of Condolences then please send them to me at [ifma@tonyking.info](mailto:ifma@tonyking.info) - by the 28<sup>th</sup> June please.

My Best Regards,  
Tony.

Tony King  
Hon. Secretary

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