

IFMA NEWSLETTER - 14th June 2007

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Journal – Volume 3, Edition 5 is now available online, 4 papers.

16th IFMA Congress – Latest updates - Plenary Programme, Sponsors, Tourism, Local Day Delegate Registration etc.

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

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON IRISH DAIRY FARMS - With increasing globalisation, deregulation of trade and competition in the markets for dairy products, farmers are facing major adjustments and impacts in their farm businesses. This paper by Bryne et al focuses on the examination of farmers' financial practices and their impact upon farm financial performance.

MULTIFUNCTIONALITY AND RURAL TOURISM: A PERSPECTIVE ON FARM DIVERSIFICATION – In his paper Prof. Ohe studies the implications of the introduction of rural tourism as a diversification for a farming household in the Hiroshima mountainous area of Japan.

A COMPARISON OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRIES OF CANADA AND NEW ZEALAND - Dairy farmers in both Canada and New Zealand have done very well financially, but not for the same reasons. In this paper Marv Painter compares the very different backgrounds and operating conditions of the dairy industries in these two countries.

AN ANALYSIS ON FORMATION AND FUNCTION OF FARMER MIDDLEMEN IN STRAWBERRY PRODUCTION: A case study in XT village of Hangzhou City, China. In this paper WAN Guowei et al look at the role and importance of alternative "farmer middlemen" arrangements in the distribution of strawberries in a Chinese Village.

For the Editorial and interesting range of papers (which are all available in PDF format and can be easily downloaded) follow the link to the Edition Page on ifmaonline: http://www.ifmaonline.org/pages/jou_articles.php?issues=5

16th IFMA Congress – Latest updates.

Plenary Programme – Details of the plenary programmes for Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th and Friday 20th July are now available on the congress website. An interesting group of Irish and International speakers have been assembled. Details of the sessions and presentation titles are set out along with biographical notes on the speakers.

http://www.ifma16.org/html/plenary_programme.html

Sponsors & Tourism Pages – Also added to the website are the pages outlining the sponsors for the event, both financial and organisational; they provide an important dimension to the Congress. On the Tourism Page you will find links to tourism websites for those who wish to extend their visit in Ireland.

Post Congress Tour – Although the Pre Congress Tour is full, there are still some spaces left on the Post Congress Tour. This tour combines 2 days in Ireland with 4 days in Northern Ireland and has a very interesting itinerary combining tourism visits with some excellent farming and research centre visits including the famous Giants' Causeway and the well known Grange Research Institute for Beef Production and Meat Technology. http://www.ifma16.org/html/post_congress_tour.html

Local Day Delegate Congress Registration.

Aimed particularly at Irish delegates is the new Local Day Delegate option with the possibility of booking for 1 or more days at the congress. However as Cork Airport has connections to many European airports (mostly with budget airlines) this might also be of interest to those in European countries who are unable to commit themselves to a 5 day attendance for the full congress. Cost is €200 per day plus extra for social events. Online and other options for Registration. For details go to: <http://www.ifma16.org/html/localdelegate.html> (There is a useful link to the interactive Cork Airport Destinations Map).

For Visa Requiring Nationals – Registration is now CLOSED.

Registration for the congress is now closed for those who require an Irish Conference Visa to attend if they have not already registered. This is because the organisers have been advised by the Irish Justice Department that it will take a minimum of 6 weeks for people to obtain a visa due to the long processing procedure. The Congress Secretariat will attempt to prevent anyone who requires a visa from inadvertently registering for the congress – but this is not always possible.

We have an excellent level of registration (over 200 full delegates) for the congress – but there is still room for more people to join what will be an inspirational week. The deadline for registration is 29th June. Don't forget to book accommodation if

you are attending the Congress – and please keep checking the congress website for updates. The Congress Brochures were updated in May and there will be further updated versions available from the website later this month.

Best Regards,
Tony.

* If you have paid your membership subscription when registering for the Congress your membership will take effect from the Congress onwards - once I have received the details.

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