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1) JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL FARM MANAGEMENT

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A new Edition with 4 papers and an Editorial has been added to the website. They come from Sweden, Australia and 2 from the USA.

In the Editorial John Gardner writes “Farm management tends to focus on issues of importance in a particular region, like the EU, a country or even a locality. Often however, issues of apparent only local concern do have relevance beyond the environment where the research was undertaken. The Journal reports farm management research from around the world. The topics being investigated, the methodologies used and the findings will often be of value beyond the area of study.” The paper titles are: -

LABOUR USE IN SWEDISH PRODUCTION OF RED VEAL by Bostad, Swensson and Pinzke.

COMPLEXITY OF TRANSITION TO ALTERNATIVE FARMING SYSTEMS - MORE THAN SUBSTITUTION OF INPUTS by Palaniappan, King and Cameron.

EVALUATION OF CROP RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE LOUISIANA RICE PRODUCING REGION OF THE UNITED STATES by Deliberto and Salassi

MANAGERIAL ORGANISATION OF U.S. FARMS: IMPORTANCE OF CLASSIFYING FARMS AND EVALUATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FARM PAYMENTS by Keeney, Remble and Ogle.

To go to the Editions page where you can read the abstracts and down load the full papers [click here](#).

As always we thank the authors and confirm that anyone wishing to contribute a paper to the Journal can find the details on “How to Contribute” on the website.

2) 18th IFMA CONGRESS (IFMA18) – for those thinking about or planning to attend.

If you have not already signed up / registered under the **“Expressions of Interest”** on the IFMA18 website http://www.ifma18.org/expressions_of_interest yet – you should do so as the Newsletters coming from the organisers have much more information about the congress and the congress programme than will be contained in these Newsletters. This section of the this newsletter is aimed at informing / assisting those who are preparing to attend the congress.

REGISTRATION PRACTICALITIES

– **Full Delegates must be or become Full Members of IFMA.** You can join IFMA when registering for the congress – just click the options when you are completing the online or downloaded Registration form. Membership taken at the time of Registration costs NZ\$120 and will last for 2 years plus - until 1st July 2013 (just before the 19th congress in Poland) and starts at the Congress. Alternatively you can join IFMA as a Full or Corporate Member (**not** Website Subscriber) on the www.ifmaonline.org website in the Membership section where the membership period is for 1 year, renewable annually on the anniversary.

- **Past Members** – If you were a member of IFMA you are receiving this version of the Newsletter as you have allowed your membership to lapse. To rejoin you need to join afresh either when registering for the congress or online at www.ifmaonline.org.

- EARLY BIRD reminder – book before 20th December 2010. There are just 2 months now to the end of the Early Bird registration period. To save **NZ\$150** on the Full Delegate fee, and **NZ\$90** on the Accompanying Persons' Programme fee, **be sure to register before 20th December.**

Remember you can register using the online form (preferred by the organisers) or the downloadable form. Either way you can pay either by credit card or by Bank / Wire Transfer. If you wish to discuss anything to do with registration or payment contact Kerry Geertson at <mailto:admin@nzipim.co.nz>

PRE AND POST CONGRESS TOURS – Register for these soon, and before 20th December 2010

If you are planning to go on either the Pre or Post (or both) Congress Tours you should register for these (along with your Full Delegate registration) as soon as you can – but certainly before the 20th December. The tour operators (both professional farm tour providers) need to start making decisions about coach, hotel and visit reservations soon, and will want to be confirming these in the New Year – so whilst there is good room on these tours now, options could be more limited as we get towards the end of the year. They are both excellent tours with a good mixture of agriculture and tourism – details are on the website. Bookings for both tours are progressing well – so don't leave it too long. When you register for these only a deposit of NZ\$400 per person is required, the remainder will be paid later nearer to the congress.

VISAS FOR THOSE THAT REQUIRE THEM – Important advice on proceeding.

If you require a Visitor's Visa to enter New Zealand, i.e. if you are a national of any country not on the "Visa-free list" on the Travel Information page of the IFMA18 website http://www.ifma18.org/travel_information – then you need to get on with applying for your Visa as soon as you possibly can. There is guidance on the travel information page with links to appropriate NZ Immigration website pages and also to the all important "Office and Fees Finder" calculator.

Study where you need to send your application, and what you need to send, very carefully, and comply in full - including your payment. You should include information about the Congress, and if you have submitted a paper mention it. You will need to demonstrate that you fully intend to return to your country – include a statement about why you need to return.

Once you have submitted your application for a visa you should receive application numbers and a contact email. If you feel a "Congress Letter of Invitation" would assist your case please ask for one (include your full address) from Kerry Geertson at <mailto:admin@nzipim.co.nz>. If you find you do not get a satisfactory response to your application please contact either Kerry or myself immediately with your application information as we may be able to help. Do not be surprised if your application is challenged, and the process may take 10 weeks or longer to work through.

Finally I am asked to reassure everyone that Christchurch is in a very good state and has not been badly affected by the earthquake early last month. A few older buildings were damaged – but all the venues are intact and ready to receive us!!

Best Regards,
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