

IFMA NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2010 - and Follow-up Newsletter

18TH INTERNATIONAL FARM MANAGEMENT CONGRESS (IFMA18)

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IFMA18 – Chateau on the Park Hotel, Christchurch, New Zealand – 20th – 25th March 2011 - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

You can now register for the Congress as a Full Delegate, for the Accompanying Persons' Programme, and for the Pre and Post Congress Tours (but [see below](#) for important information about the procedure for paying for the latter).

Registration is available on the IFMA18 website in two forms – online (preferred) or by a downloadable registration form for posting or faxing – both with credit card or bank transfer payment options.

Before registering you will need to have chosen your field trip options for the 2 days (1st, 2nd and 3rd preferences) ready for entering on the registration form. Don't forget you need to reserve your accommodation separately, and if you need a Visa to enter New Zealand start the process as soon as you can – details for both are on the IFMA18 website.

Contributed Papers and Posters reminder – just THIS MONTH remains to submit your paper or poster!

If you are planning to submit a paper or poster you have until the end of this month – Thursday 30th September 2010 – to submit your paper or poster. Remember only full papers or completed posters should be submitted. Papers can be either for Peer Review or Non Peer Review. Templates for papers and posters are available from the Call for Papers webpage. All authors will be notified at least by 30th November if their paper or poster has been accepted – and will need to have registered for the congress by 20th December 2010 to be accepted for presentation and publication in the proceedings. Please do not wait until the last moment to submit your paper or poster if you can help it. If you have a paper nearly ready but look as though you are going to miss the submission date please contact Kate Saxton (k.r.saxton@massey.ac.nz) as soon as possible with a request for an extension and a definite delivery date. Requests for an extension may not be acceptable if sufficient papers have already been submitted by the due date.

The organisers are very keen to receive practical (non-peer-review) papers or case studies from those involved in the farming and agri-business sectors including consultants and advisors to the industry.

PRE AND POST CONGRESS TOURS – Change to normal registration procedure –

Just a deposit is required at Registration to book your place on the tours! As a change to previous congresses you will only need to **pay a deposit of NZ\$400 per person** for each of the tours. This will reduce the total needed to pay when Registering for the Congress – and you will need to pay the rest of money due directly to the tour provider 6 weeks before the tour starts. Once a deposit is paid the Tour Provider will contact you directly. **Please note** that to accommodate this the changes to the online and downloadable Registration Forms are being made right now – so it maybe a day or two before they are in operation (currently the forms request the full payment). The organisers hope this will ease any cash flow problems, be less concerning to the credit card providers, and encourage you to book your place early as they expect a high demand for both of the tours.

The both tour providers are professional farm tour companies who operate tours both inside and outside New Zealand. Both tours provide an exceptional opportunity to both see NZ farming in action, and see a great deal of the wonderful scenery that New Zealand offers on both islands.

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In addition to the Country Reports that were added to the Article Section of the website in July, Mihály Vörös has kindly provided 2 country reports regarding agriculture and farm management in Hungary – one to cover 2009 as unfortunately Mihály was unable to attend the congress and council meetings in 2009, and another for the current 2010 situation. You can read these by clicking [here](#) or visiting the Article page on the website.

DAN SMITH

It is with enormous sadness that I have to report the death of Dan Smith on 24th August. Dan was a Vice President of IFMA for several years (1997 - 2003) having been on Council representing the USA before that. He was a very keen and active supporter of IFMA and its activities, and was particularly helpful to me after I became Secretary. His cool, calm and well thought out advice was much appreciated, and he was very well respected in Council and by all who met him at IFMA Congresses. Dan had fought off several bouts of cancer in recent years with great strength, courage and determination, recovering to be a fit man each time – but unfortunately this time there was no further treatment available. He was 70. He will be sorely missed.

I have passed on my and IFMA's condolences to Sylvia his wife, and to the family including Nathan his son, and Stephanie his daughter. There is an obituary and guest book available on the funeral home's website and if anyone would like to see this, or sign the 'guest book', or write to Dan's family, I would be happy to supply the information.

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Most of you will have read or seen on the news recently that Christchurch and parts of the Southern Island of New Zealand had an earthquake on Saturday 3rd September. The Congress Organisers have confirmed that the damage caused, whilst severe in places, **will not have any affect on the main Congress plans**. The **Chateau on the Park Hotel** where the congress is due to be held has not been damaged and is operating as normal. Scientists have confirmed that an earthquake of this severity was a very rare occurrence and the likely hood of it happening again for some very considerable time is extremely unlikely.

So you can register for the conference and book your accommodation and tours with confidence!

REGISTRATION – Now open for booking!! Pre and Post Tour booking form updates are now installed.

In the previous Newsletter I indicated that changes were being made to the online and downloadable form so that only a deposit of NZ\$400 would be taken per person per tour for the Pre and Post Congress Tours. I confirm these changes are incorporated into the forms – and when completing the online form only the deposit will be charged – it will show in the summary before you proceed to Credit Card or Bank Transfer. The remainder of the payment will be due for payment to the Tour Provider 6 weeks before the Congress.

****CONTRIBUTED PAPERS AND POSTERS** – Request to notify the organisers if you will be submitting a Paper or Poster**

Completed Papers and Posters are due by the 30th September. To assist their planning the Contributed Paper organisers have asked that those who intend to submit a paper or poster be kind enough to notify them by the **10th September** or as soon after as possible.

This would be of special help in assisting them in managing this aspect of the Congress. However it is not compulsory to respond and you can still submit a paper anytime before the deadline.
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A quick email to Kate Saxton at k.r.saxton@massey.ac.nz to say you will be putting forward a paper will assist them greatly with the logistics of getting the work done.

Please give: Your name, your country and what type of document you will be submitting – refereed/non-refereed paper or a poster.

N.B. Please don't forget you should use the templates from the IFMA18 website "Call for Papers page" for your paper or poster – find them here: http://www.ifma18.org/call_for_papers

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Best Regards,
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