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**Introduction** – This is the first newsletter since the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress in Ireland last July. I apologise for the length of time – but I felt you all deserved a bit of a rest after the large number of Newsletters I sent last year in the run up to the congress. With a new edition of the Journal, and a few other developments, I think it is high time I got a Newsletter out.

**JIFM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Volume 4 now available online.**

The latest edition of the Journal has now been added to the website. With 4 papers – from Bangladesh, the USA, Denmark and Mexico and on the subjects of competitiveness, food safety issues, land leasing, and comparisons between pasture based and confinement systems – there must be something of interest. Visit the Journal Section and click on ‘Contents’ and Volume 4 ‘Edition 2’ to read the Editorial, see the abstracts and download the full papers.

**16<sup>th</sup> IFMA Congress, July 2007, Papers available in 2 volumes**

All the papers and posters presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress in Ireland are available on the website in the Congresses section under ‘Proceedings’ in PDF format. Also in each volume are the congress programmes and authors biographies.

**The Proceedings are published in 2 volumes** – one with all the peer reviewed “Academic” papers, and the other volume has all the “Applied” (non reviewed) papers, the Plenary papers or presentations and the abstracts of the posters that were presented. Each volume has an ISBN number. Please note that the search facility in this section will search over all the paper abstracts from all the congresses – some 500 altogether.

A photo summary of the main congress has been added under ‘List of Congresses’. The Pre and Post tour summaries are still to be added.

**New President and Vice President for IFMA**

During the congress Malcolm Stansfield (President) and Dan Smith (Vice President from the USA) retired – each of them having served IFMA for many years. We are very grateful to them for their unstinting support of IFMA and we hope they will continue to join us at future congresses.

The new President of IFMA is John Alliston, Dean of the School of Agriculture at the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester. John has been attending congresses for many years and brings with him considerable experience of Farm Management and Leadership Training.

The new Vice President (USA) is Jim McGrann, Emeritus Professor from Texas A&M University and now running his own consultancy company with a particular interest in beef ranching. He too has been a frequent attendee of IFMA Congresses in the past.

We extend a warm welcome to both and look forward to their contribution to developing IFMA in to the future. Both join the Executive Committee alongside Rob Napier from Australia, Malcolm Stansfield (ex. officio member), and Tony King, Hon. Secretary.

**IFMA Council New Members**

Alastair Paterson from South Africa also retired at the Congress and we welcome Wimpie Nell who was elected to Council to represent southern Africa. We thank Alastair for his considerable contribution, particularly in Africa and in connection with the African Farm Management Association. We welcome Wimpie who has always demonstrated a keen and enthusiastic interest in IFMA over many years – demonstrated by the “team” of delegates he brought to the Congress.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Francisco Jimenez, Council Member from Columbia, passed away in August (07) after a period of illness. We have sent our condolences to his family for his untimely death.

You can find out more about the new and existing people on Council by visiting 'About IFMA' > 'Council' on the website.

### **Membership**

Before long it will be necessary to change the US Dollar rate for memberships to bring them into line with the other currencies – so the Full Member rate will go up from US\$42 to \$44, and the Website Subscriber rate from \$23 to \$24 per annum. Now would be a good time to join IFMA!!

### **17<sup>th</sup> International Farm Management Congress – Bloomington Normal, Illinois, USA, 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

We understand that good progress is being made with plans for the 17<sup>th</sup> IFMA Congress and that we should expect developments and announcements, call for papers etc., around the mid point of this year. "Academic" (peer reviewed) and Applied (non-reviewed) papers will be called for again for this congress.

### **Galilee College, Israel – training invitation.**

I was sent the above invitation which is included as an attachment to this Newsletter – any one interested should approach the organisers direct and verify the authenticity of the organisation and courses offered before making any payment. (NB I have just received notice of the last call for those wishing to participate.)

Best Regards,  
Tony.

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