

**2017
IFMA
Congress
at a glance
“Future
Farming
Systems”**

- **Date**
2nd to 7th July 2017
- **Location**
Edinburgh
- **Organized by**
IAgrM and SRUC
- **Pre Tour**
London to
Edinburgh 25th June
to 1st July
- **Post tour**
Scotland 8th July to
14th July
- **When Can I
book**
Booking will be able
to be made on the
website from Sep-
tember 2016
- **Contact details**
[http://
www.ifma21.org](http://www.ifma21.org)
- **Papers & Post-
ers**
A call for papers and
posters will be made
during 2016

The 21st International Farm Management Congress



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HRH The Princess Royal accepts invitation to be Congress Patron

The 21st IFMA Congress organizing committee are delighted that HRH The Princess Royal has agreed to become our Patron for the 21st Congress meeting in Edinburgh in the summer of 2017.

The British Royal Family have a long tradition of supporting all sorts of rural and agricultural activities throughout the world and thus we were delighted when the Princess Royal agreed to be our Patron for this Edinburgh congress. Her involvement will also strengthen our links with the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth where Her Royal Highness is President noted Trevor Atkinson, President of IFMA.

The local organising committee of the Institute of Agricultural Management (IAgrM) and Scotland’s Rural College (SRUC) are in discussions with the Patron’s staff about how best we can use the Patron’s interest in global agriculture to optimum benefit of both IFMA and to the delegates meeting in Edinburgh. We will keep you updated here.

John McIntyre Conference Centre



The purpose designed John McIntyre Conference Centre in Edinburgh will be the home of the 21st IFMA Congress.

The conference centre is a purpose built conference facility containing;

- State of the art audio and visual equipment
- Theatre style plenary area
- Full catering facilities, which will provide refreshments during the day and lunch
- Free wifi across the facility
- Breakout rooms that will be used for the afternoon sessions
- Display space that will be used for posters
- On site hotel (central Edinburgh Hotels will also be available) and student accommodation within a very easy walking distance
- Open air terrace overlooking Arthur’s seat
- Public transport accessible



The International Farm Management Association

(IFMA) started out in 1971 by bringing together practical farmers, academics, researchers, advisors, consultants and students; all of whom are keen to share their agricultural interest and exchange experience. IFMA has subsequently held 20 congresses and visited 15 different countries in pursuing its core objective; to promote and develop good farm management practice within the farming communities of the world.

The congresses are a unique blend of front line speakers, research papers and farm visits, all of which challenge the accepted norms and open up new lines of thinking. Edinburgh is hosting the 21st congress in July 2017 and the organising team have made a good start in outlining

a very interesting and topical program under the theme of 'Future Farming Systems'.

For those who want to see more than is possible during the congress week, an offer will be pre and post congress tours which with more time can travel further afield. Alternatively, for those who just want to come along and enjoy Scottish hospitality and the ambience of the conference, there will be a program for accompanying person.

The success of the IFMA formula is founded on the warmth of its participants, who travel from around the world to share their agricultural interest. They enjoy the many benefits of international networking and it would be wrong not to mention the enjoyment of catching up with friends, both old and new.

IAgrM in association with IFMA publishes the International Journal of Agricultural Management.

Organises a number of events that include the National Farm Management Conference, Farm-Planner Competition and Farm/Agriculturally related visits.

IAgrM is a membership organisation for farmers, farm managers and others engaged in management in agriculture and associated rural businesses.

The membership process is accredited by an external body and has three main categories:

Member MIAgrM

Historically the main grade of Institute Membership for individuals engaged in agriculture and associated rural businesses management responsibility including those aspiring to management roles.

Professional Member

P.Agric

This grade can be awarded to new applicants who, following a formal review of application and interview can demonstrate that they meet the criteria

The position of P.Agric is reviewed each year following re-

ceipt of the confirmation of CPD for the previous year.

Fellow FIAgrM

A membership grade which is awarded to those individuals who are currently making or have made an outstanding contribution to Agricultural Management and have been proposed and Seconded by a member of the Institute and approved by the Council Institute.

Student:

Students who are in full time agriculturally related education are very welcome as members and this is free of charge.



Scotland's Rural College

(www.sruc.ac.uk) – SRUC delivers comprehensive skills, education and business support for Scotland's land-based industries, founded on world class and sector-leading research, education and consultancy. The integration of these three complementary 'knowledge exchange' services is of significant value to all with an interest in land-based activities –

be they learners, businesses, communities or policy-makers. SRUC's Headquarters are in Edinburgh and there are another 5 campuses plus local consultancy offices throughout Scotland.

SAC Consulting is the consultancy arm of SRUC and services cover all aspects of rural enterprise; from agronomy, livestock and dairy services to

disease surveillance, farm animal diagnostics and environmental consultancy. The UKAS-accredited analytical facilities provides a seamless service from field to lab.

The Farm Management Research Team are delighted to be part of the group bringing the 21st International Farm Management Congress to Edinburgh in 2017.



Pre & Post Tours

The Pre & Post Tours will be based on study type visits allowing participants to gain an understanding of Farming & Agricultural businesses whilst taking in the scenery and some areas of historical general interest.

The tours will include all transport with a guide along with accommodation and meals.

These tours are a very good way for visitors from afar who are attending the Congress for the first time and from a distance to make friends and make contacts both on the tour and at places visited.

Pre Tour:

The Pre Tour will start in London making its way to Scotland allowing the participants to gain an understanding of farming in England and how it relates with the EU and UK.

Post Tour:

Will be based in Scotland allowing the participants to gain first hand experience of the wide range of agricultural enterprises and farming production in this beautiful part of the UK.



IFMA Congress

The objectives of IFMA congresses are:

- To provide a forum for exchanging ideas, experience and knowledge through presentations and demonstration;
- To learn about the agriculture of the organising country, including its structure and marketing;

- To stimulate contacts between farmers, teachers, advisors, researchers, policy-makers and agribusiness at national and international levels.

Each congress programme is designed in such a way that all three objectives can be met. The strength of the congress is the integration of a diverse group of international people, companies and organisations around the themes of agricultural production, agricultural policy, agribusiness and economics and their impact on farm management.

The Congress's Programme of Papers is made up of both Invited and Contributed Papers arranged in plenary and parallel sessions. A call for contributed papers usually goes out from the organising committee with the First Announcement of a congress some 12 – 18 months ahead of the congress date. Poster Session opportunities are also offered.

The Congress includes two days of farm visits, evening events and a formal dinner. A Partners program will also be available with visits planned for the days of the Congress.

Field Trips

A key part of the Congress is the two days of field trips which take place on the Tuesday and Thursday of the Congress.

These trips will be linked to the theme of 'Future Farming Systems' and include a guide on the coaches.

The Field trips are also available to partners.

Evening Events

The Congress includes a range of social events that allows the delegates to make contacts:

- Sunday: Welcome and introduction to Scotland
- Monday: Barbeque
- Tuesday: Free Evening
- Wednesday: Congress Dinner which is a semi formal event
- Thursday: Final evening Social

Sponsorship Opportunities

Available please contact

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Patron HRH The Princess Royal

2017 International Farm management Congress 'Future Farming Systems'

Pre Congress Tour:

25th June to 1st July 2017

Study tour visiting Agricultural Businesses on route from London to Edinburgh

The 21st IFMA Congress:

2nd July to 7th July 2017

The Congress based at the John McIntyre Conference Centre, Edinburgh

Post Congress Tour:

8th July to 14th July 2017

Study tour visiting Agricultural Businesses in the Scottish Highlands & Islands

The International Farm management Congress takes place every other year in a different country in the world and is being held in Edinburgh in 2017. The Congress is being organized by IAgRM (institute of Agricultural management) and SRUC (Scotland's Rural College).

The Congress attracts leading agricultural decision makers from around the world and is attended by a mix of farmers, farm managers, consultants and academics.

The 2017 Congress is being held in the purpose built John McIntyre Conference facility at Edinburgh University.

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