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Message from the Director General

Welcoming our new team member



We are delighted to welcome **Catherine Shiels**, our new IDF Communications Specialist.

Catherine is a versatile communications and press relations professional specialized in communicating science and science-based topics. She has spent more than 15 years providing integrated communications services to global companies and international associations, including international R&D and healthcare associations.

She is Irish and she has been living in Belgium for seven years.

With her additional skills and experiences, Catherine will contribute to expanding our communications activities and improving IDF outreach. Her role will be very important in promoting the dairy sector and the benefits of our Federation.

Please join us in wishing her the very best in taking IDF communications forward.

Contact: [Christian Robert](#), IDF Director General.

PROMOTION OF IDF IN CHINA



Christian Robert was invited to make a presentation on Carbon Footprint in the dairy sector at the annual China Dairy Industry Association event in Yinchuan. He took advantage of his visit to promote the green paper initiative as well as IDF in China and the involvement of new Chinese experts in the IDF Programme of Work. Concrete positive results of the discussions contributed to reinforcing the CN IDF NC membership and the interest of Chinese experts in IDF activities.

Contact: [Christian Robert](#), IDF Director General.

IDF PROGRAMME OF WORK

Preview/highlights of up-coming IDF business meeting of Standing Committees and Task Forces prior to the IDF WDS Auckland 2010

The following items will feature prominently on most meeting agendas:

- Strengthening liaison and collaboration within IDF and with IDF partner organizations such as Codex, FAO, OIE and WHO,
- New mechanisms for advancing IDF internal and external communication/IDF fact sheets, and
- Preparation of conference programmes for the IDF World Dairy Summit 2011 in Parma/IT.

In addition, certain meetings will address key issues of interest to specific IDF stakeholder groups for instance:

SC on Food Additives, 4 November

The SCFA will continue preparation for the next session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives, in particular the review of maximum levels of certain food additives used in dairy products, and harmonization of information between the Codex standards and the General Standard for Food Additives.

SC on Dairy Policies and Economics, 5 November

The IDF World Dairy Situation Report has been revamped and improved. The new version of this flagship IDF publication will have many more attractive features.

The Standing Committee has taken a new topic on board: “Study on Milk Price Volatility” following a new work item presented to the NCs.

The SC DPE as in the previous years will actively contribute to the IDF Economic Conference programme at the World Dairy Summit, in Auckland (NZ) in November.

SC on Standards of Identity, 5 November

The SCSID will follow-up on the last session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission including results from the ongoing IDF survey collecting data on traditional dairy drinks proposed for Codex regional standards, as well as the discussion of Codex regional committees on the necessity and the scope of regional standards for processed cheese. The SCSID will also consider taking up new work on inventory of national regulations related to dairy products.

SC on Marketing, 6 November

The IDF Dairy Innovation Awards are an enhanced version of the previous IDF Marketing Awards. New categories and terms of reference have been identified for this very popular IDF item.

The SC M will continue to provide input and expertise for IDF Marketing of the World Dairy Summit this year in Auckland (NZ), as well as for coming editions.

SC on Food Labelling and Terminology, 6 November

The SCFLT will prepare IDFs input for the next session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling. This particularly concerns the proposed draft revision of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling concerning the list of nutrients declared on a voluntary or mandatory basis, as well as items on labelling provisions dealing with food ingredients identified by the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, including proposed work on establishment of claims for sugars, salt/sodium and trans fatty acids.

SC on Microbiological Hygiene, 6 November

The SCMh will review and finalize IDF input for the discussion on Codex Principles for the Establishment of Microbiological Criteria for Foods for the forthcoming session of the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene. The meeting will also advance and finalize work on several ongoing publications, such as the newly adopted work on Significance of Shiga-toxicogenic E coli in dairy production.

SC on Farm Management, 6 November

The SCFM will review and revise first drafts of the proposed revised FAO/IDF Guide to Good Dairy Farming Practice, now including additional provision with regard to sustainable dairy farming, and the new IDF/FAO Guide to Hygienic Practices at Farm. It will also considered whether or not to merge the two items and how this could be achieved. A new work item proposal on payment systems for ex-farm milk may also be up for discussion.

SC on Residues and Chemical Contaminants , 7 November

The SCRCC will reflect on establishing a new strategy and risk-based approach to prioritize their agenda, in addition to its task of monitoring items from Codex Committees and preparing input accordingly. The meeting shall also advance several papers for publication in IDF Bulletin such as the new IDF Guide on Prudent Use of Veterinary Drugs.

SC on Dairy Science and Technology, 7 November

The SCDST will review the preparation status of several up-coming IDF events and advance the new initiative of organizing IDF webinars on particular topics of joint interest to academia and dairy industry. The meeting will also initiate the recently adopted new work item on the role of salt in the cheese manufacturing process.

SC on Environment, 7 November

The SCENV will initiate work to follow-up on the soon-to-be-approved-and-published IDF LCA guide on common carbon footprint methodology for the dairy sector with focus on water foot printing, biodiversity and/or product category rules for milk and milk products. Latest developments in ISO TC 207 and its subcommittees on environmental labelling, environmental performance evaluation, life cycle assessment and greenhouse gas management and other related activities will be subject to consideration also.

SC on Nutrition and Health, 7 & 8 November

The SCNH will review progress and follow up on ongoing and proposed work items such as the development of a speaker network on dairy fats including saturated fats; the proposed work on dairy and children's diets, as well as new work on dairy nutrition and environmental sustainability. The SCNH will also discuss the status of the publication on Carbohydrates with a specific focus on lactose, as well as the updated FAO report on Milk and Milk Products in Human Nutrition. Furthermore, a new work item proposal on Vitamin K2 in fermented Dairy Products will be reviewed, and a report on the CCNFSDU meeting which will be held prior to the SCNH meeting, will also be featured.

TF on Animal Feeding, 8 November

The recently established new IDF Task Force will review the status and advance the work on Inventory of methods of analysis for the evaluation of the changes of milk composition with regard to animal feeding changes and up-coming data collection relating to World mapping of animal feeding systems. The TF is also charged with IDF monitoring and providing input to the ongoing Codex discussion on new work related to food safety aspects of animal feeding, in particular development of new Codex guidelines for governments on the application of risk assessment methodologies to the various types of hazards related to contaminants/residues in feed ingredients and related to the development of a prioritized list of hazards in feed and feed ingredients.

TF on Update of Inventory of Microorganisms with a Documented History of Use in Foods, 8 November

The TF will meet to further update the paper on safety assessment of micro-organisms within fermented food products, as well as updating the inventory of species with a documented history of use in foods. All IDF member countries are invited to contribute to the inventory of species update. This project is carried out in collaboration with the European Food and Feed Cultures Association (EFFCA).

IDF experts planning participation at the IDF World Dairy Summit 2010 in Auckland/NZ that have not yet registered should visit: <http://www.wds2010.com/registration.html>, and return the IDF meeting reply form circulated (also available from the IDF Head Office).

Detailed information on objectives, project descriptions, target dates, expected outcome and the current status of all IDF work items can be obtained from the latest edition of the IDF Programme of Work of 1 September 2010. Please visit: <http://docshare.fil-idf.org/> *IDF Documents* | *Programme of Work* | *2010 Programme of Work*

Contact: [Joerg Seifert](#), IDF Technical Director

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Visit of Donald Moore, GDP



On the occasion of the recent visit of Donald Moore Europe the IDF Director General invited the new Executive Director of GDP to visit IDF Head Office and meet IDF staff. This was also an opportunity for constructive discussions regarding dairy sector priorities and new ways of intensifying the benefits of collaboration on behalf of our members.

Contact: [Christian Robert](#), IDF Director General.

Codex Alimentarius Commission

The Thirty-third Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, Geneva (CH), 4 -9 July 2010

Codex standards adopted at Step 8

- Codex Standard for Fermented Milks pertaining to Drinks based on Fermented Milk: adopted with reservations of 3 South American members. The development of regional standards for doogh and ayran was encouraged as these products could not be accommodated within the existing Codex fermented milk standard
- Draft and proposed draft food additive provisions of the GSFA (from CCFA): concern was expressed by a number of delegations at the extensive use of Note 161 ("subject to the national legislation of the importing country") in the GSFA. The Commission noted that this had been discussed but not concluded at the 2010 Session of CCFA and will thus be subject to future Codex consideration
- Revised Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products
- Revised Section on Contaminants in Standards for Milk and Milk Products
- Up-dated list of methods of Analysis for Milk Products in Codex Standards
- Maximum Levels for Melamine in Food and Feed : allowed are in powdered infant formula up to 1 mg/kg whereas in other foods and animal feed the set MRL is 2.5 mg/kg

Codex standards adopted at Step 5

- Proposed Draft Guidelines for Risk Analysis of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance: technical comments will be considered at the up-coming Codex Task Force meeting in Korea in Oct. 2010
- Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling (CAC/GL 2-1985) concerning the list of nutrients always declared on a voluntary or mandatory basis

Processed Cheese agenda items

The meeting revoked the 3 existing standards for Processed Cheese and Processed Cheese Preparations, dating from 1978 on the recommendation from CCMMP, with reservations from 7 delegations.

A second anticipated decision to discontinue Codex work on the development of a draft revised standard for Processed Cheese was deferred until 2011. Based on the intervention of 13 members, the meeting requested FAO/WHO Coordinating Committees / Codex Regional Committees to discuss the necessity and scope of regional standards for processed cheese and report their findings at the next CAC session.

Future work on animal feeding

Proposals for review of existing Codex texts and checking consistency were referred to relevant Codex horizontal committees. Proposed work on establishing criteria for global identification and notification of emergency situations affecting feed was referred to FAO and WHO. A new Codex Task Force on Animal Feeding will develop guidelines for governments on the application of risk assessment methodologies to the various types of hazards related to contaminants/residues in feed ingredients and development of a prioritized list of hazards in feed and feed ingredients.

Adjournment sine die of CCMP

The Commission agreed to adjourn CCMP sine die.

Reference to voluntary application of provisions in Codex Commodity standards

It was agreed to follow CCMP recommendations on the retention and revised wording of the annexes/appendices in 13 milk product standards, while noting some concerns and reservations.

Date and Place of Next Session

Geneva, CH, from 4 to 9 July 2011

Download the [IDF observers' report](#) from the IDF Intranet for more details.

Contact: [Joerg Seifert](#), IDF Technical Director

Collaboration between IDF and ISO: New secretary appointed for ISO/TC 34/SC 5



Ton Gerssen

Rinus van Schaik has retired after 20 years as secretary of ISO/TC 34/SC 5. He has contributed tremendously to reinforcing collaboration between IDF and ISO to establish quality joint standards for methods of analysis and sampling.

Ton Gerssen has been secretary of ISO/TC 34/SC 5 since 1 July 2010. He works for the Netherlands Standardization Institute (NEN), based in Delft. He is a food scientist with significant work experience in the dairy sector.

Following the restructuring in the IDF/ISO area of methods of analysis and sampling, procedures for the establishment of standards for methods of analysis and sampling for dairy products within IDF and ISO have been reviewed. Updated documents will be available in due course on the IDF intranet.

Contact: [Aurélie Dubois](#), IDF Standards Officer

COMMUNICATIONS

IDF Dairy Nutrition website successfully refreshed

Many people have visited the renewed IDF Dairy Nutrition Website since its recent launch, and visitor numbers are still increasing. The site, initiated by the IDF Standing Committee on Nutrition and Health, is continuously updated with latest science based information to support a healthy and well-balanced diet and lifestyle for health professionals, media and the general public.

The site uses the latest web technologies to facilitate access and transfer of nutrition resources. Visitors can sign up to receive regular newsfeeds. The site is also connected to 'social networking' sites such as Facebook, Twitter and many others.

IDF members are invited to provide information for online posting and to promote the IDF Dairy Nutrition website on their own sites. Mutual links established between the IDF Dairy Nutrition website and key nutrition organizations in IDF member countries, as well as features such as optimized search function, offer further benefits to visitors looking for specific global or regional nutrition information.

If you have yet to see the site, please visit <http://www.idfdairynutrition.org> and sign up for regular updates using RSS feed!

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COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL COMMITTEES

New work items

New work items /Questionnaires

Ref.	Title	Status
<i>New work items</i>		
1004/ SCDST, SCNH, SCMH, SCFLT, SCFA, SCSID	Salt in the manufacturing process of cheese	Adopted
1005/ AT-SPCC-01, SCFM SCDPE	World mapping of animal feeding	Adopted
1006/ AT-SPCC-01, SCNH, MSSG, SCAMC	Inventory of methods of analysis for the evaluation of the changes of milk composition with regard to animal feeding changes	Adopted
1007/ MSSG, SPCC, SCSA	Milk and milk products – Method for automated sampling of liquid milk and milk products	Adopted
1008/ MSSG, SPCC, SCAMAC	Benzoic and Sorbic acid determination. Improved HPLC-method Revision of ISO 9231 IDF139	Adopted
1009/ SPCC, MSSG, SCAMC	Determination of acetone and β -hydroxybutyric acid in raw milk by continuous flow analysis	Adopted
1010/ SPCC, MSSG, SCAMPAI	Collection of data on alkaline phosphatase in cheese	Adopted
1011/ SPCC, SCAMC MSSG	Determination of Labelled Fatty Acids in milk products	Adopted
1012/ SPCC, SCNH	Electronic Reflection WG on "Plasticity of a given probiotic strain in different food forms"	15 September 2010

Ref.	Title	Status
<i>Questionnaires</i>		
0510 /SC AMC	<p>AMENDMENT to ISO 9233-1/2 IDF 140-1/2:2007: Cheese, cheese rind and processed cheese — Determination of natamycin content</p> <p>Part 1: Molecular absorption spectrometry method for cheese rind</p> <p>Part 2: High performance liquid chromatography for cheese, cheese rind and processed cheese</p>	Amendment not supported – Project Group to be created
0610/SC AMPAI	Milk and milk products — Microbial coagulants — Determination of total milk-clotting activity – ISO/DIS 15174 IDF 176	Under compilation
0710/SC AMC	Lactose — Determination of water content — Karl Fischer Method ISO/DIS 12779 IDF 227	22/09/2010

IDF EVENTS

IDF World Dairy Summit 2010

04-11 November 2010, Auckland, New Zealand



The Global Dairy Agenda for Action – towards the IDF World Dairy Summit 2010

A progress update will be presented on Tuesday 9 November at the IDF World Dairy Summit 2010 in Auckland, New Zealand. Interested parties from the dairy sector and the press are invited.

The session will include informal presentations providing details of achievements over the year since the launch of the Agenda for Action and Green Paper. Detail about desired goals and achievements for the coming year in the build up to the two yearly reports in 2011 will also be discussed.

Key examples will be profiled at this event, to be selected in the near future. If you already have examples on the Green Paper and have sustainability 'messages' associated with their progress over the last year (whether ongoing or complete), please contact the Green Paper team. Do not miss the opportunity to get even more 'value' for your sustainability efforts!

Furthermore, a 'sustainability area' (with other exhibits) is planned at the conference centre. Site demonstrations as well as highlights of the Green Paper will be featured. Join us there to learn more about this initiative!

For more information and for online submissions, visit <http://www.dairy-sustainability-initiative.org/>

For regular updates follow us at http://twitter.com/Dairy_Sustnble

Contact: [Marylène Tucci](#), IDF Communications Officer

7th International Symposium: Milk Genomics & Human Health

20-22 October 2010, Davis (CA), USA

Presented by the International Milk Genomics Consortium (IMGC) under the auspices of the California Dairy Research Foundation (CDRF), the symposium gathers international experts in nutrition, genomics, bioinformatics and milk to address the status of milk-specific genomic research. IMGC Members meet on an annual basis to review ongoing research priorities and set agendas for future meetings.

The symposium is presented by IMGC sponsoring members: CDRF, CNIEL, DairyAustralia, Dairy Farmers of Canada, Dutch Dairy Association, National Dairy Council and Teagasc. Event sponsors include the IDF, National Dairy Council and U.S. Dairy Export Council.

The IMGC is a partnership of companies and academic organizations with the goal of leveraging existing resources for the assembly of genetic instructions for milk molecules, linking the scientific community to a better understanding of the biological values of milk, creating tools for an interactive, Web data exchange, coordination of pre-competitive research to develop baseline data, and providing a foundation for the development of exclusive/competitive research. The IMGC Web Portal is available at www.milkgenomics.org.

Early registration is now available – for programme details go to <http://www.milkgenomicsymposium.org> or register online at <http://www.acteva.com/go/cdrf>

Contact: Ms. Jennifer Giamboni at jgiamboni@cmab.net, info@imgconsortium.org or 1 (650) 871-6459, x304

A pre-event workshop on *Milk, Lactation Biology & High Throughput RNA Sequencing* will be held at UC Davis 18-19 October 2010 – contact [Andrea Thompson](#) for details.





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The International Dairy Federation is the pre-eminent source of scientific and technical expertise for all stakeholders in the dairy chain. Membership covers 56 countries and is growing; IDF accounts for about 85% of the world's total milk production. IDF aims to identify and disseminate best practice at the international level, in order to guide and harmonise members' work on issues including climate change, nutrition and food hygiene at the national level.

The scientific expertise for the dairy sector worldwide