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## Message from the Director General

### New version of the IDF Newsbrief



This new version is being launched today with the aim of providing you with easy-to-access information. Our e-Newsbrief will highlight the important issues driving the work of IDF.

Other improvements include the revamping of the IDF website (<http://www.fil-idf.org>) together with the launch of a specific website devoted to nutrition (<http://www.idfdairynutrition.org>) to confirm our position of provider of scientific expertise for the dairy sector worldwide. Both websites will allow users to follow all new and up-to-date developments.

Several National committees contributed to the success of these two communication developments. We are very grateful for their input, as we are for National Committee involvement not only in the area of communication or expertise, but also development of the membership campaign, promotion of IDF positions, provision of additional competences or specific project funding, thereby contributing to create more IDF value.

Indeed, these are among the many opportunities for our National Committees to support or reinforce our organization in our effort to provide real value to all stakeholders of the dairy sector.

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

## New IDF Board fast tracks sustainability

At its first full meeting (28 January), the new IDF Board of Directors prioritised a range of activities on the **environment and sustainability**. The Board has approved an ambitious programme drawn up by the Science and Programme Co-ordination Committee (SPCC) and has further agreed to make **additional resources** available to make sure that the initiative receives an early impetus.

IDF President, Jim Begg said “We are acutely conscious of the potential impact on the dairy industry around the world of issues such as climate change and carbon footprinting. There is a global role for providing good balanced information in this area, particularly on the environment, so that developments are influenced by sound science. We aim to secure a leading role for the IDF in this area. We also intend to engage in developing best practice in the key environmental areas relevant to the dairy industry. We shall do this from our own resources and also by working with other organisations active in this area, such as the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform”.

A task force has been established under the chairmanship of Ines Coldewey, SPCC member responsible for Environment and Sustainability to progress the work.

The Board also approved a proposal to give high priority to organizing material for a peer reviewed publication demonstrating the **complexity of dairy fat (including dairy trans fatty acids) and coronary heart disease (CHD)** to challenge existing assumptions with more recent pro-dairy scientific work, prior to the next FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Fats and Fatty Acids in Human Nutrition.

The status of the relationship between **IDF and GDP** was discussed. The Board endorsed the continuation of a dialogue to coordinate work on common projects and progress the positions of both organizations to complement each other to the benefit of the dairy sector as a whole.

With respect to the location of the **World Dairy Summit 2010**, the Board accepted the invitation of the New Zealand National Committee to host the 2010 summit in their country. The Board also agreed that to allow for better preparation, the next call for offers should cover both 2011 and 2012.

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



From left to right: P. Doyle, R. Bishop, J.H. Christensen, C. Heggum, J. Hill, J. Begg, P. Jachnik, C. Robert, A.J.B. De Jongh and T. Coley

## Promotion of IDF

### Brazil

On the occasion of the 6th Brazilian International Dairy Congress, organized last December in Resende, Brazil, Christian Robert, IDF Director General, delivered an opening speech to an international audience of about 850 participants and to many representatives of authorities and governmental bodies of Brazil.

This congress was also the opportunity to get in touch with delegates representing companies, associations, universities, and research centres active in the Brazilian dairy sector.



Opening ceremony of the 6th Brazilian International Dairy Congress, Resende, Brazil



IDF Director General, opening speech at the 6th Brazilian International Dairy Congress, Resende, Brazil

The Director General had also the opportunity to refresh the interest for IDF and a possible formal collaboration with IDF in the future. The upcoming [IDF World Dairy Summit in Latin America](#) will be the best showcase of IDF know-how in this area of the world.

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

## Cooperation with National Committees

### New work items /Questionnaires under consideration of IDF National Committees

Ref.	Title	Deadline
New Work Item		
0801/ SCMCM	Lactose - Determination of water content - Karl Fischer method	4 March 2008
0802/ SCNH	Scientific update on dairy fat and coronary heart disease (CHD)	Approved by IDF Board of Directors as IDF priority work item. Feedback to the IDF Head Office is welcomed.

### New work items and questionnaires recently considered by IDF national committees

Ref.	Title	Results
New Work Item		
0706/ SCAH	Interpretation of mastitis terminology (up-date of Bulletin of IDF N° 338/1999)	Endorsed
Questionnaires		
0807/ SC QASADS	Milk and milk products - Sensory analysis - Part 3: Evaluation of compliance with product specifications for sensory properties by scoring ISO 22935 - 3   IDF 99 - 3	Endorsed
0907/ SC MCM	Milk fat from enriched dairy products - Determination of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acid content by gas-liquid chromatography ISO 23065   IDF 211	Endorsed
1007/MCM	Milk — Determination of freezing point — Thermistor cryoscope method (Reference method) ISO 5764   IDF 108	Endorsed
1107/ SCNH	Position on General Principles of Nutrient Profiling	Endorsed and submitted to EFSA

## Collaboration with partners

### Visit of IDF Director General to Danone Headquarters in Paris

A meeting gathering IDF, the IDF Director General and the IDF Technical Director, and the Danone team in charge of Regulatory Affairs and Research and Development was organized to discuss strategic developments, scientific priorities and expertise involvement in research and technical projects.

It was also the occasion to promote the participation of Danone experts to IDF working groups and the possibility of getting additional support to the IDF membership campaign.

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



*Meeting at Danone headquarters, Paris, France*

## IDF Events

### **IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week**

Quebec City (CA), 12-16 May 2008



- Online Registration is now available at: [www.fil-idf.inaf.ulaval.ca](http://www.fil-idf.inaf.ulaval.ca)
  - Extension of deadline for scientific poster proposals to **February 15, 2008**
- Go to [www.fil-idf.inaf.ulaval.ca](http://www.fil-idf.inaf.ulaval.ca), section **Call for proposals** to proceed to send your proposal.
- Contact: [Aurélie Dubois](mailto:Aur%C3%A9lie.Dubois@idf.ch), Standards Officer

### **UK hosts First IDF Dairy Farming Summit**

Edinburgh/Scotland (GB), 25-27 June 2008

The IDF is working closely with co-organisers De-Laval on the arrangements for the First IDF Dairy Farming Summit. The event will examine the increasing effects that climate change and environmental issues are having on the business operations of the modern dairy farmer as well as the implications for animal welfare.

It is targeted towards dairy farmers and will refer to issues that are relevant to their everyday working life and allow them to actively participate in defining the problems and identifying the feasible solutions that can improve their businesses.

The event will be based in Edinburgh from June 25-27 and will feature a two-day conference followed by one day of research / farm visits before all the delegates re-convene for a summing up session to identify some “take home messages”. The first day will set the global scene and 5 films of dairy farmers from different countries, which have been selected on the basis of the particular aspect of the industry that is being affected by climate change, and the second day is for defining the problems and identifying alternative solutions.

In addition, the magnificent Edinburgh Castle has been hired for a welcome reception on the evening of 25th June and a Gala Dinner will be held during the evening of 26th June at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, the venue for the event.

Anyone who wishes to register their interest for this event, which is intended as the first of a series of events that will be held in different countries each year, can do so at the Summit website at [www.eventsforce.net/idfdfs](http://www.eventsforce.net/idfdfs)

Contact: [Ian Wakeling](mailto:Ian.Wakeling@idf.ch), UK National Committee of IDF.

### **DIAA/IDF Functional Dairy Foods 2009**

Melbourne (AU), 24-25 February 2009

The International Dairy Federation (IDF) in conjunction with the Dairy Industry Association of Australia (DIAA) invites you to “Functional Dairy Foods 2009 - New opportunities and challenges in production and bioactivity of functional dairy foods”.

This conference, which is part of the Dairy Science World Series (DSWS) will focus on new innovations, developments and cutting-edge research in production and bioactivity of functional dairy foods and their impact on health. Its main objective is to further the knowledge in the fields of nutrition research, dairy science and technology and regulatory issues with regard to dairy-based functional foods.

Key themes will include:

- Functional dairy ingredients and their impacts on health
- Technologies for production of functional dairy products
- Delivery / bioavailability of functional ingredients
- Genomics / nutrigenomics
- Metabolic imprinting / immunity / allergy
- Regulations / health claims
- Adding value to traditional dairy products

The event will provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and information of international experts in these fields. Full peer-reviewed papers will be published, in advance of the conference, as a special issue of *The Australian Journal of Dairy Technology* (AJDT).

The conference is targeted at all professionals involved in functional dairy foods, ranging from academic and industrial dairy scientists and technologists, to nutritionists and health professionals. Keep up-to-date with the details, including the program and register your interest in attending this conference (and/or submitting an oral or poster presentation) at

<http://www.diaa.asn.au/events/conference-detail/57/idf/diaa-functional-dairy-foods-2009/44/event.aspx>

Contact: [Sandra Tuijtelaars](#), IDF Nutrition Officer

## New IDF events approved recently:

### 🕒 **IDF Symposia on Science and Technology of Fermented Milk and Microstructure of Dairy Products**

**Tromsø, Norway, 7-11 June 2010**

Following the recommendation of the IDF Standing Committee on Dairy Science and Technology the IDF Science and Programme Coordination Committee has endorsed a joint proposal for the organization of a combined IDF Symposium on Science and Technology of Fermented Milk and an IDF Symposium on Microstructure to be held in Tromsø/Northern part of Norway in June 2010. The events will present the results of IDF work on “Fermented Milks - Functional Cultures, Processing, Control and Health Aspects” and “Microstructure of Dairy Products” , both items being part of the agendas of the IDF Standing Committees on Dairy Science and Technology and Nutrition and Health.

The key objective of the two events is to further the knowledge in the fields of science and technology with regard to fermented milk and microstructure of dairy products and to provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and information of international top experts in the field from industry and academia. The events will be held one immediately after another and possibly with a half day of common themes overlap. Full peer-reviewed papers will be published prior to the events in one or two special issues of a recognized international journal in order to be available to all delegates on the first day of the conference.

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

## List of upcoming events

- **IDF/FAO/WHO Symposium on Revolution in Food Safety Management,**  
13-15 February 2008, Bali, Indonesia
- **IDF Symposium on Cheese Ripening,**  
9-13 March 2008, Berne, Switzerland
- **Third IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week,**  
12-16 May 2008, Quebec City, Canada
- **IDF/ISO Analytical Week,**  
19-23 May 2008, Montreux, Switzerland
- **IDF/ILSI Europe Workshop on Probiotics,**  
22-24 May, Montreux, Switzerland
- **First IDF Dairy Farming Summit,**  
25-27 June 2008, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- **IDF/INRA First International Symposium on Minerals and Dairy Products,**  
1-3 October 2008, Saint-Malo,
- **IDF World Dairy Summit,**  
9-14 November 2008, Mexico City, Mexico
- **IDF/DIAA Conference on Functional Dairy Foods 2009,**  
24-25 February 2009, Melbourne, Australia
- **IDF/ISO Analytical Week,**  
18-22 May 2009, Kislovodsk, Russia
- **IDF Regional Symposium on Dairy-Based Infant Formulas and Fermented Milks,**  
June 2009, Huhhot, China
- **IDF World Dairy Summit,**  
20-24 September 2009, Berlin, Germany
- **5th IDF International Conference on Mastitis,**  
21-24 March 2010, Christchurch, New Zealand
- **IDF Symposia on Science and Technology of Fermented Milk and Microstructure of Dairy Products,**  
7-11 June 2010, Tromsø, Norway

View all IDF Events at:

<http://www.fil-idf.org/EventsCalendar.htm>

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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 53 countries and is growing; IDF accounts for about 82% 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.