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## Message from the Director General

### Best wishes for an ambitious and prosperous 2009!



The IDF World Dairy Summit 2008 in Mexico was very successful. It was a great opportunity to meet you all but also it contributed to enhance IDF visibility and awareness in Latin America with new ambitions for the future.

Back to our programme of activities, we have already started new projects and developments under the guidance of a new President and Board.

IDF is still growing and progressing in a dynamic dairy sector full of opportunities and more exciting than ever...The IDF World Dairy Summit 2009 in Berlin is just a few months away with numerous plans and priorities, which will keep all of us very active.

At the occasion of the New Year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your fruitful collaboration and support throughout the year. I wish you and your families a happy and prosperous New Year 2009!

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

## Success Stories

### The 2008 IDF World Dairy Summit - Some Highlights

#### Opening ceremony

The president of the United States of Mexico, Felipe Calderón, officially opened the IDF World Dairy Summit 2008, stressing the importance of the dairy sector in Mexico.



#### IDF Bodies



#### New President

Richard Doyle of Dairy Farmers of Canada was elected President of IDF for a 4-year term of office.

#### IDF Board membership : new members were elected

Besides President Richard Doyle, the Board now comprises Claus Heggum (chair SPCC, DK), Jorgen Hald Christensen (Treasurer, DK), Rudolf Schmidt (DE), Russell (Rusty) Bishop (USA), Bertus de Jongh (ZA), Philippe Jachnik (FR), Thomas Coley (CH), Pierre Doyle (CA) and Christian Robert (IDF Director General).

#### IDF's Science and Programme Coordination Committee (SPCC):

The new composition is as follows:

Chair: Claus Heggum

- Academia: Jun Bao (CN)
- Analysis and Sampling: Paul Sauvé (CA)
- Animal Health: Cheryl McCrindle (ZA)
- Dairy Sector (farming): B.K. Joshi (IN)
- Dairy Sector (processing): Jean Vignal (CH)
- Economics and Marketing: Craig Plymessenger (US)
- Food Standards: Michael Hickey (IE)
- Hygiene and Safety: Ed Komorowski (GB)
- Nutrition: Yvette Soustre (FR)
- Technology : Jean-François Boudier (FR)

## Membership of IDF

Brazil, Lithuania and Egypt were admitted to IDF membership. With these new admissions, the IDF further increases its network and will now account for about **85%** of the total world milk production.

## Awards and Prizes



The 2008 IDF Award was granted to Professor Ylva Ardö (University of Copenhagen, DK) during the IDF Open Forum on Present and Future Work on 10 November 2008.

The winners of the IDF Marketing Awards 2008 were...



### Nutri-marketing

Mother Dairy - “Nutrifit” Campaign - India



### Innovation

Dairy Farmers - “Thick and Creamy Yogurt” Campaign - Australia



### Marketing Communication

Arla - “Lactofree” Campaign - United Kingdom



This year’s Yves Boutonnat International Milk Promotions (IMP) trophy was won by Norway. The winning campaign “Melk.TV” was developed by Ida Berg Hauge from the Norwegian Dairy Council and features new, innovative ways to communicate healthy and natural dairy foods to consumers.

## IDF Programme of Work

### Food Additives

*Meeting of the Standing Committee on Food Additives, Mexico City, Mexico, 8 November 2008*

#### **Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)**

The SCFA amended the draft IDF comments to be submitted to the electronic Working Group. These comments mainly included requests and justification to maintain some food additives provisions in certain dairy food categories.

#### **Comparison and Technological Accuracy Papers on Food Additives in Codex Dairy Standards / Draft Revision of the Codex Class Names and International Numbering System**

The AT on Comparison will collect the existing documents in order to update the IDF spreadsheet comparison chart pertaining to Codex standards for individual cheese varieties. SCFA will then summarize all available data and information and provide recommendations for those food additives, food categories, food additive functional classes and INS numbers where there is conflict between the GSFA and the Codex dairy standards.

In relation to this work, the delegation of Switzerland in charge of presenting a CCFA new work item proposal highlighting inconsistencies between food additives class names and INS number will be contacted since the comparison has already been partially conducted for dairy categories.

#### **CCFA eWG on Guidelines and Principles for Substances used as Processing aids**

The previous IDF comments were partially taken into account in the new draft proposed by the Codex electronic Working Group. The SCFA reviewed the document and proposed additional comments.

#### **Food Additives in Codex standards for milk and milk products**

An IDF questionnaire was circulated to all National Committees with a deadline of 12 January 2009.

#### **IDF-hosted Food Additive Program at Upcoming WDS or separate Program**

The SCFA supported the concept to have a symposium or workshop on food additives at an upcoming IDF event for educational purposes. Contacts will be made with organizers of futures IDF summits.

#### **Elections**

Don Snyder (CA) was elected chair, and Allen Sayler (US) Deputy Chair.

#### **Next meeting**

19 January 2009, Brussels, Belgium.

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



## Food Labelling and Terminology

*Meeting of the Standing Committee on Food Labelling and Terminology, Mexico City, Mexico, 8 November 2008*



### Coordination of Codex Nutrition Matters

The meeting considered the main outcome of the meeting of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) held in Cape Town, South Africa, 3-7 November 2008. With regard to the Definition of Dietary Fibre in Codex Guidelines for the Use of Nutrition Claims, SCFLT agreed that the footnote could be changed to refer to lower degrees of DP <10 to be left to national authorities to decide on whether or not the substances could be classified as dietary fibre.

### Codex implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health: food labelling issues

The meeting confirmed these issues to be given top priority in IDF:

- Revision of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling concerning the list of nutrients that are always declared on a voluntary or mandatory basis and discussion of issues related to mandatory nutrition labelling,
- Development of criteria/principles for legibility and readability of nutrition labels,
- Labelling provisions dealing with the food ingredients identified in the WHO Global Strategy,
- Development of additional Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs).

Four Action Teams with the SC on Nutrition and Health were created. The SC on Marketing was invited to collaborate on IDF input to the Codex development on criteria/principles for legibility and readability of nutrition labels.

### CCFL Discussion Paper on Modified Standardized Common Names - Codex CCFL Electronic Working Group on Modified Standardized Names for the Purpose of Nutrition Claims

The Chair of the CCFL Working Group has circulated a new discussion paper shortly after the meeting. It was up-loaded on IDF Intranet with notification of SCFLT members and a request to review and submit comments to the AT leader.

### Revision of the Codex class titles (functional classes) and International Numbering System for food additives

The implications of the CCFA revised list of class titles (functional classes) of food additives for food labeling will be considered at the next session of CCFL. SCFLT should consider the CCFA list and in particular in view of possible introduction of labelling requirements for new food additive functional classes, “packaging gases” and “carriers.”

### Elections

Eric Grande (FR) was elected Chair and Cary Frye (US) Deputy Chair.

The meeting concluded with a roundtable discussion on present regulatory situation with regard to food labelling and nutrition and health claims. The leading role and importance of IDF as the global dairy organization for reporting latest developments from all over the world and for coordinated action with all relevant key stakeholders in the dairy chain was highlighted.

## Next meeting

19 January 2009, Brussels, Belgium.

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## Farm Management

*Meeting of the Standing Committee on Farm Management, Mexico City, Mexico, 9 November 2008*

### **IDF Guide to Good Animal Welfare in Dairy Production**

The work was complete. The Standing Committee recommended production of translated versions of the guide also in French and possibly other languages. A Spanish translation is already available from the IDF Internet homepage.

### **Review of the recommended range of Iodine content in milk, milk products and cattle feeds and review of related farming practices**

Members agreed to work with their respective National Committees to ensure timely input of data to be submitted in reply to the IDF Questionnaire. The new deadline for reply is 20 January 2009.

### **Payment systems for ex-farm milk**

It was proposed to create an on-line tool on ex-farm payment systems for regular updating by IDF members. Access should be restricted to IDF members only. A small expert team was appointed to outline the contents of a future survey.

### **Future IDF Dairy Farming Conferences**

Following the outstanding success of the first IDF event of this kind in Edinburgh, Scotland (UK) in June 2008 the committee considered the frequency and location of future IDF events for dairy farmers. The meeting agreed that there was no need for IDF to organize a self-standing dairy farming conference within the next couple of years. Relevant topics, such as animal welfare or dairy farming sustainability, will be addressed as part of or with a satellite conference to be organized in conjunction with future IDF WDS 2009 and 2010. The IDF SPCC will consider the recommendations of SCFM.



## Action Team on Milking Equipment and Methods

The meeting acknowledged that the SCFM Action Team on Milking Equipment and Methods was one of the most active and productive IDF expert groups for many years thanks to energetic working experts that interact closely during and in between meetings. There was no support for splitting SCFM into a SC on milking machines and equipment and another SC on dairy farming practices. It is key that IDF has an active SC working in a coordinated manner on subjects of interest to dairy farming for which there must be close collaboration and a high level of communication.

## Structure, title, current objectives and priorities of the SC on Farm Management

The meeting agreed to form a small group of people to brainstorm on how the current work of the committee could be improved including identification of specific work items to be considered by SCFM prior to consultation with IDF National Committees including request for nomination of new active experts to engage with future projects.

## Elections

David Homer (GB) was elected Chair and Réjean Bouchard (CA) Deputy Chair.

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## Microbiological Hygiene

*Meeting of the Standing Committee on Microbiological Hygiene, Mexico City, Mexico, 10 November 2008*

### **Codex Guidelines for the Control of *Listeria monocytogenes* - Annex on microbiological criteria for *Listeria monocytogenes* in different types of ready-to-eat foods**

The annex now outlines more food safety objectives rather than a microbiological criteria and is in line with risk-based approach. SCMHS agreed that IDF supports the document in view of its finalization.

### **Code of Practice for Foods for Infants and Children / *E. sakazakii* and other micro-organisms in powered infant formula**

IDF supports the position that the current scientific evidence available does not justify the development of microbiological criteria for *E. sakazakii* in these products.

### **Surveillance of relevant information and reporting of emerging hazards associated with milk and milk products**

*M. paratuberculosis* (MAP) is still discussed as a potential emerging hazard in a few countries. Since more knowledge is available now, SCMHS agreed to review IDF publications and to prepare an updated paper for an IDF Bulletin, to be drafted by an Action Team composed of SCMHS members and SCAH members.

Shiga toxin producing *E. coli* is another possible emerging hazard. The SCMHS agreed that an SCMHS Action Team would undertake a review on *E. coli* to be published in an IDF Bulletin.

### **Safety of the lactoperoxidase system on raw milk used for dairy products intended for international sale**

At the last meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (2008), a compromise was proposed that international trade could be managed by bilateral agreement. If this is agreed, there may be a need for technical information for measures to control of the use of lactoperoxidase system.



An Action Team will prepare comments to be made orally, depending on the discussions on the item at the next CAC meeting.

## **Design of microbiological control systems in dairy production, Status report on initiation of IDF Monograph - IDF/FAO Symposium on Revolution in Food Safety Management, 13-15 February 2008, Bali, Indonesia**

The publication of the IDF/FAO symposium on Revolution in Food Safety should be published soon. The SCMHC agreed to reinstate the AT on Design of microbiological control systems in dairy production to develop the monograph, taking into account the recommendations coming out of the symposium, and reflect the new thinking approach.

### **Priority Project: IDF Inventory of methods and procedures to monitor the integrity of suppliers' milk**

The proposal for new work item has been circulated to the IDF National Committees for adoption by 9 December while the work has already been initiated by SPCC.

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## **Residues and Chemical Contaminants**

*Meeting of the Standing Committee on Residues and Chemical Contaminants, Mexico City, Mexico, 10 November 2008*

### **Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCCF) – Draft preamble of the General Standard for Contaminants in Foods**

The next meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods will be in Rotterdam (NL) on 23-27 March 2009. H Dornom (AU) and/or K Duhem (FR) will represent IDF. The SCRCC will continue to monitor the revised draft preamble of the General Standard for Contaminants in Foods.

### **CCRVDF electronic Working Group on Priority List of Veterinary Drugs for Evaluation or Re-evaluation by JECFA**

The CCRVDF paper is a priority list of drugs and has been sent to SCRCC members for comments. The SCRCC agreed to have a working group to meet in Mexico to finalize the comments to be submitted before the 12 November. The IDF comments were submitted to CCRVDF and are available on the IDF Intranet.

### **Integrated control of veterinary drugs in the dairy chain**

The work of the AT Integrated control of veterinary drugs in the dairy chain is strongly linked to the work of the Codex Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance. The SCRCC members evaluated the potential need to reconsider the work of this Action Team compared to the work of the Codex Task Force and supported continuation of the work of the AT.

### **Codex TF Antimicrobial Resistance**

The IDF comments were well received by the Codex TF and largely incorporated into the revised draft document titled "Proposed Draft Guidelines for Risk Analysis of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance". A still pending issue of particular concern to IDF is Codex recognition to be given to the need of dry cow treatment in the dairy sector as an example of prophylactic use of antimicrobials that is targeted at reducing the risk of infection and subsequent spread of animal disease. The Codex TF Working Group will integrate comment for a new draft for circulation before next TF meeting. IDF will monitor the work very closely and provide additional comments by the end of February 2009.

## Promoting the development of integrated chain management for food safety in the dairy production chain

The presented discussion paper identifies leading principles rather than guidelines and discusses the possible role of IDF in facilitating better control in the food chain around the globe. The SCRCC agreed to re-circulate the document for comments within SCRCC members, in order to have it published in IDF Bulletin within six months.

## Publication on Feed-associated Mycotoxins in the Dairy Chain: Occurrence and Control

The draft paper has been circulated for comments to NC in an IDF questionnaire. The authors were thanked for their work. The members of the SCRCC agreed to include the editorial comments and to publish the paper as an IDF Bulletin.

## Review of priorities and of the objectives of the SCRCC

In the new context of review of work in several areas within IDF, the SCRCC agreed that a discussion paper would be circulated by March 2009.

## Next meeting

Prior to the IDF World Dairy Summit 2009, 20-24 September, Berlin, Germany.

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## Nutrition and Health

*Meeting of the Standing Committee on Nutrition and Health, Mexico City, Mexico, 9-10 November 2008*

## Merger JAT on Probiotics with SCNH Action Team on Inventory of Micro-organisms used in dairy and food products

Draft terms of reference and a proposal to set up a fund to facilitate participation of academic experts in the work of the previous JAT Probiotics, were circulated for comments to the members of the two working bodies that compose the merged new working body and to SCNH and SCMMA.

## SCNH in relation to the IDF Task Force on Environmental Sustainability

SCNH agreed to provide factual information on benefits of dairy products that can be used in the discussion on environmental sustainability.



## Action Team on Coordination of Codex Nutrition Matters

The Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) was held in Cape Town (ZA) from 3 to 7 November 2008. The meeting was preceded by a physical working group meeting on 1 November 2008 to discuss issues related to the WHO Global Strategy. A summary report is available in this Newsbrief on page 12.









