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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 Saylor (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.

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

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.

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

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. SCMNH 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, SCMNH agreed to review IDF publications and to prepare an updated paper for an IDF Bulletin, to be drafted by an Action Team composed of SCMNH members and SCAH members.

Shiga toxin producing *E. coli* is another possible emerging hazard. The SCMNH agreed that an SCMNH 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 SCMH 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.

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

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 (CCCF) – 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.

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

The CCRVDV 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 CCRDVF 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.

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

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.



Action Team FAO/WHO Fats and Oils Review

- *IDF project on 'Scientific update on dairy fat and CHD'*

The summary report of the meeting 'Scientific update on dairy fat and CHD' has been submitted to the European Journal of Nutrition. The full papers of the meeting will be published as a supplement within the regular December issue of the Journal of the American College of Nutrition (JACN). The papers have been made available to the experts of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation on Fats and Fatty Acids in Human Nutrition which was held from 10-14 November 2008 in Geneva (CH).

Action Team on Nutrmarketing – Development of communication plan

The AT on Nutrmarketing developed a draft communications plan to actively promote positive nutrition aspects of dairy. Positive messages will be based around the central theme of 'Nutrient Richness'. The plan will be presented to SCNH and SCM in their next spring 2009 meetings. It will fit within the IDF communications network that will be used to disseminate the messages via IDF National Committees.

IDF Dairy Nutrition Website <http://www.idfdairynutrition.org>

The site is up and running since January 2008. Efforts will be made to increase promotion of the site and to attract more visitors.

Status of IDF Trust Fund for the support of peer-reviewed publications of nutrition related articles

The SCNH members requested the enlargement of the scope of the fund to include other communication activities beside publications in peer-reviewed journals. An annual report on finances will be prepared by the SCNH Chair to inform the SPCC, the Board of Directors and the National Committees.

Proposal of new work items as agreed by the SCNH

The following topics were proposed and agreed by SCNH as New Work Items:

- Recruitment of young scientists and new dairy experts
- Importance of dairy in the diet of children

Next meeting

May 2009.

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

Environment

Meeting of the Standing Committee on Environment, Mexico City, Mexico, 12 November 2008

Interest in participation of potential new IDF member countries in the work of SCENV

Two experts from the dairy sector of Chile attended the meeting as observers and provided a country report and expert input to the discussion on some of the agenda items stressing the interest of the national dairy sector to join IDF.

New liaison with ISO

IDF has applied through the IDF Head Office for "Type A" liaison (formal status) with ISO TC 207 and the following subcommittees (SCs) of this body in October 2008:



- Environmental labelling (Subcommittee 3)
- Environmental performance evaluation (Subcommittee 4)
- Life cycle assessment (Subcommittee 5)
- Greenhouse gas management and related activities (Subcommittee 7)

ISO has confirmed to the IDF Head Office the granting of formal status with ISO TC207/SC7 in the first week of December 2008. The other three subcommittees are still balloting (voting on) the IDF application.

FAO has invited IDF to participate at a forthcoming FAO Project titled “*Green house gas emissions from animal food chains - Proposal for the development of quantification model using a live cycle approach*”. SCENV has accepted to play a coordinating role at a FAO “guiding group” composed of experts in the areas of LCA, environmental impact assessment and livestock farming systems, who will advise the process and ensure quality control. The Chair and Deputy Chair of SCENV will serve as the IDF liaison experts in FAO.

Environmental issues at farm

The draft IDF Bulletin is being prepared and will be circulated for comment to SCENV members prior by the end of 2008. A fact sheet will be also published with the Bulletin of IDF. The existing Action Team will assist in building the programme of environment/sustainability conferences at WDS 2009 and WDS 2010.

Effluent treatment and Removal of salts

The available material will be converted into the format of fact sheets. Papers presented at the Mexico conference on Environment will mark the conclusion of the work.

IDF World Dairy Summit Berlin (DE) September 2009 – environment and sustainability conference

A first draft of the programme was presented. The Action Team on Dust emissions from dairy plants is involved in this activity. The marketing conference will focus on delivering the communication related to the needs identified at the sustainability conference.

New work item proposal “Life Cycle Analysis / Life Cycle Management and Carbon Footprinting in the Dairy Sector” (IDF Bulletin 398/2005)”

A written outline was available. the meeting agreed to re-structure the proposed NWI as follows:

1. LCA methodology
2. rest except
3. carbon storage

The meeting agreed that with the new work item proposal. It was suggested that the expert team under formation could consider the organization of a workshop in Brussels next year with the objective to identify/develop a standard methodology.

The draft will be finalized taking into account the meeting discussion prior to SPCC evaluation and NC voting while the work can progress in parallel in light of expressed urgency.

Follow-up work with regard to latest IDF initiative on Sustainability with regard to Environment

IDF SPCC had considered and recommended publication of an IDF Bulletin titled ““Environmental/Ecological Impact of the Dairy Sector - Literature review on dairy products for an inventory of key issues & List of environmental initiatives and influences on the dairy sector””. Members of meanwhile disbanded IDF Task Force on Sustainability with regard to Environment, SCENV and SPCC have received the electronic

copy of the report for peer-review by mid January 2008.

An IDF communication plan is being prepared for which SPCC has requested input from the members of several IDF Standing Committees.

The IDF Head Office is coordinating the follow-up work.

Next meeting

September 2009.

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

Relations with International Organizations

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)

The Thirtieth session of CCNFSDU was held from 3-7 November 2008 in Cape Town, South Africa.

IDF Delegation: Isabelle Neiderer (CA), Marieke Lugt (NL) and Sandra Tuijtelaars (IDF).

WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical activity and Health / Proposed draft additional or revised Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) for Labelling Purposes

CCNFSDU agreed not to delay work on the development of Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs) associated with increased or decreased risk on non-communicable diseases. An eWG will develop the general principles to set NRVs, to start thinking about actual values of NRVs and to review the implications of various proposed options for selecting the nutrient intake values to be used. The eWG will prepare a discussion paper and a physical WG will take place before the next meeting to discuss this paper. IDF will participate in eWG and physical WG meeting.

Guidelines for the Use of Nutrition Claims: Definition of Dietary Fibre

The current draft Codex definition was extensively discussed. A main discussion item was the inclusion of oligosaccharides (carbohydrates with monomeric units from 3 to 9) in this definition. CCNFSDU agreed on a revised definition including a footnote indicating that the decision on whether to include carbohydrates with monomeric units from 3 to 9 should be left to national authorities. This definition and the conditions for claims will be sent to CCFL for endorsement and then recommended to CAC for adoption.

Draft nutritional risk analysis principles and guidelines for application to the work of CCNFSDU

The document was revised and will be forwarded to the Codex Committee of General Principles (CCGP) for endorsement and to CAC for adoption. IDF will review the current text and if required send comments.

Proposed Draft Recommendations on the Scientific Basis of Health Claims

CCNFSDU agreed to forward the proposed draft Annex to CCFL for their information and to the CAC for adoption at Step 5/8 with the recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7. IDF will review the current text and if required send comments.

For more information: Consult the IDF Observers' report available from the IDF Intranet.

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

IDF Events

DIAA/IDF Functional Dairy Foods

24-25 February 2009, Melbourne, Australia

IDF/DIAA Functional Dairy Foods 2009

February 24 - February 25, 2009
Melbourne, Vic



Speakers and delegates from around the globe will be in Melbourne, Australia in February for the IDF/DIAA Functional Dairy Foods 2009 conference.

The conference will focus on innovations, developments and cutting-edge research in the production and bioactivity of functional dairy foods and their impacts on health.

Keynote speakers include Prof Hannu Korhonen (Finland), Prof. Paul Ross (Ireland), Prof. Bruce German (USA), Dr Leif Lundin (Australia), Prof Gertjan Schaafsma (The Netherlands) and Dr Judith Bryans (UK).

Registration lines have been running hot, so don't miss out by leaving it to the last moment.

Visit <http://www.diaa.asn.au> for more information and on-line registration.

Contact: Dr. [Peter Roupas](#), Chair of Scientific Committee

IDF World Dairy Summit 2009

20-24 September 2009, Berlin, Germany



The conference program is available on the website of the IDF World Dairy Summit 2009: <http://www.wds2009.com>

Call for Papers (Oral Presentations or Posters)

Do not miss this opportunity to report on your latest scientific findings in a series of oral and poster presentations. Keep up to date with the details, including the programme, and register your interest in submitting a presentation at <http://www.wds2009.com/presentations>.

Submission of abstracts

Deadline for the abstracts is **15 January 2009**. The abstract should not exceed 300 words and has to include sufficient information on the objectives, methodology, results obtained and contribution to the advancement of dairy-related knowledge.

An IDF World Dairy Summit Programme Committee will decide whether or not your proposed presentation or poster will be accepted. The decision and details related to the presentation of a paper or poster (date, format etc.) will be communicated in 15 February 2009. The Presentations will be published according to the agreement between the German Organising Committee and IDF.

Abstracts should be submitted **in an electronic form** to the attention of the German Organising Committee. E-mail: seminare@vdm-deutschland.de with a **deadline of 15 January 2009**.

For further information on the call for papers and on the event, please visit <http://www.wds2009.com>

Contact: [Ines Coldewey](mailto:Ines.Coldewey@idf.org), IDF National Committee of Germany

List of upcoming events

- **IDF/DIAA Conference on Functional Dairy Foods,**
24-25 February 2009, Melbourne, Australia
- **Fourth IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week,**
20-24 April 2009, Rennes, France
- **IDF/ISO Analytical Week,**
18-22 May 2009, Sochi, Russia
- **IDF World Dairy Summit 2009,**
20-24 September 2009, Berlin, Germany
- **5th IDF International Conference on Mastitis,**
21-24 March 2010, Christchurch, New Zealand
- **IDF/ISO Analytical Week,**
17-21 May 2010, Canada
- **IDF Symposia on Science and Technology of Fermented Milk,**
7-9 June 2010, Tromsø, Norway
- **IDF Symposia on Microstructure of Dairy Products,**
9-11 June 2010, Tromsø, Norway
- **IDF World Dairy Summit 2010,**
4-11 November 2010, Auckland, New Zealand
- **IDF International Symposium on Sheep and Goats Milk,**
2011, Athens, Greece
- **IDF World Dairy Summit 2011,**
2011, Italy
- **IDF International Symposium on Cheese Ripening and Technology,**
April 2012, Madison, Wisconsin, USA
- **IDF World Dairy Summit 2012,**
2012, South Africa

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 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