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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IDF IMPACT AND INFLUENCE THROUGH MANY DIVERSIFIED ACTIVITIES



The IDF global influence, in support of the dairy sector and its development, is the ultimate objective of most of the activities planned and implemented along the year, the outcome of which is exploited in order to favor maximum impact.

In recent years, many efforts have been made to improve impact performance, with a special attention to relevance for a series of new initiatives which also contribute to IDF visibility and impact, such as: better selection of and support to strategic projects, improved organization of top class and visible scientific events, development of tailored guidelines, manuals or publications, address to more strategic target groups, fine tuning of communication messages channeled through new technologies and tools, and globally enhanced presence in the media, on specific websites and in scientific journals.

The multidimensional development of new activities that aim to enhance maximum impact and influence also includes the IDF engagement in joint initiatives evenly supported by key international organizations. The sector community promotes and recognizes various contributions to the dairy sector (IDF awards), the best possible collaboration with media specialists, all of this with the specific role of IDF experts and National Committees, assigned with very crucial tasks and important local activities, irrespective of their size or resources. These have the potential to significantly influence national cooperation.

Just as important is adequate planning, with a timely achievement of projects and the opportune delivery of relevant messages to selected audiences, in order to be more efficient.

That is in this dairy world characterized by such a wonderful and stimulating diversity of cultures, and an outstanding level of expertise, that I am happy to welcome Nico van Belzen, to take the lead towards new ambitious targets and progress. I am grateful to all those who helped me to strengthen IDF and expand the fantastic network of our organization. I am glad to leave now a really global Federation, in good financial health, equipped with a new staff structure and with strengthened relationships with a larger number of key international organizations. The leading role of IDF in many areas of its program of work is recognized, the participation at and the visibility of IDF main events has increased significantly, new partners have joined our Federation and communication initiatives have been intensified, enabling to enhance impact as well as global performance.

Welcome to Nico van Belzen. I wish him a lot of satisfaction within the IDF community, and a long and very successful future for IDF.

Christian Robert
Director General



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SUCCESS STORY

IDF Regional Conference in Seoul, South Korea

The IDF Regional Conference on Domestic Milk Supply and Demand Systems : Sharing Success Beyond Challenges!" organized by the local IDF National Committee on 20 - 23 March 2012 in Seoul, South Korea was a great success with a full program including excellent speakers and presentations, exhibitions, technical visits and attractive social activities.

With an important support from local Authorities, the attendance was composed of more than 300 delegates, among which about 80 foreigners, from 20 different countries, and a good participation of IDF membership and the local industry. IDF received a prominent visibility in all areas of the venue.

The organization of the conference was also an opportunity to hold a joint meeting followed by two separate meetings of respectively the SC DPE and the SC M, with a complete agenda and a good participation despite of the long distance from home for several members.

All those who participated in this intense week in South Korea could appreciate the wonderful welcome and good organization of that important IDF event in the region.



Participants to the technical visit of the "Namyang Dairy Products and R&D Center" organized at the occasion of the IDF Regional Conference in South Korea in March 2012



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CODEX COMMITTEE ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND SAMPLING

The 33rd Session of CCMAS was held in Budapest, Hungary, from 5 to 9 March 2012. IDF was represented by J Evers (NZ) and A Dubois (IDF Head Office).

Endorsement of Methods of Analysis

The Codex Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (CCMAS) endorsed the changes proposed by IDF, including the withdrawal of IDF 24, the revision of the reference of ISO/TS 11869|IDF/RM 150 - Titratable acidity of Fermented milks, and the correction of the principle for ISO 6734|IDF 15:2010 in blended products.

Principles for Use of Sampling and Testing in International Trade

CCMAS, with active input from the IDF delegation, edited the text of the Principles and progressed these to be adopted by the CAC at step 5. Meanwhile, an electronic working group will continue the drafting work on the commentaries. In view of the significance of this work for international trade in dairy products, IDF will participate in the electronic working group and monitor the development of this work.

Proprietary methods

CCMAS agreed on a definition for proprietary methods, and associated requirements. The agreed text will be forwarded to the Codex Alimentarius Commission for approval and inclusion in the Procedural Manual.

IDF input at both the electronic working group stage and at the 33rd session of CCMAS has ensured that the final text does not affect IDF's ability to sell copyrighted methods, and that IDF can standardize proprietary methods for the dairy sector, if this was required.

The next session of CCMAS will be held in Hungary, 4-8 March 2013.



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CODEX GENERAL STANDARD FOR FOOD ADDITIVES

The 44th session of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (CCFA) was held in Hangzhou, China, from 12 to 16 March 2012. IDF was represented by M Hickey (IE), A Saylor (US) and A Dubois (IDF Head Office).

Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) - Provisions for dairy and dairy related categories IDF had previously made recommendations to the CCFA, which were all accepted. Provisions for dairy categories were discontinued for nisin, caramel III, ascorbyl esters, among others in a number of dairy categories. Additions of provisions into the GSFA were endorsed for Lycopenes, and sucrose Oligo esters type I and II. Specific additions, discontinuation, or revocation of specific food additives in the GSFA affecting dairy food categories can be found in tables in the Appendix to the IDF Observers report.

Acidity Regulators

The physical GSFA Working Group attempted to establish a tool to finalize all acidity regulators pending provisions for addition to the GSFA. Those found listed in Table 3, whether they are applicable to food categories specifically listed in the annex to Table 3 should be considered as a group. Because of complications such as the hierarchical food category system, the CCFA endorsed the tool approach, agreed on discontinuation of work for provisions where the use of acidity regulator was not justified but asked the electronic GSFA Working Group to have further discussion and provide a recommendation to the 2013 CCFA meeting. The same approach for Emulsifiers, Stabilizers & Thickeners shall be discussed at the next session.

Application of Note 161 "Subject to national legislation of the importing country aimed, in particular, at consistency with section 3.2 of the Preamble"

There was clear support for the reduced use of Note 161. However no consensus was reached in spite of proposals from the CCFA chair. The Chair clarified that the CCFA had already suspended use of Note 161, but discontinued discussion and no final outcome occurred.

Provisions for Aluminium containing food additives

An electronic working group identified provisions in order to make recommendations for the adoption, discontinuation or revocation of the proposals, including those for new uses. Due to lack of time, the CCFA only considered and agreed on most proposals for discontinuation and revocation.

Discussion paper on the alignment of food additives provisions from commodity and relevant provisions of the GSFA

CCFA agreed on a decision tree as a working document based on a compromised approach that recognizes the legitimate role of the commodity standards, while recognizing that the GSFA apply where possible. An electronic working group will apply decision tree to standards with simple food additives provisions (cocoa, and soups and bouillons).

As this discussion will have a significant impact on the dairy standards, IDF will participate in the eWG. The IDF's SCFA shall look at how the 'decision tree' approach will impact the alignment of the additive provisions in the dairy standards with the GSFA.

The tentative dates for the next CCFA meeting are 18-23 March 2013 in Beijing, China.



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CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD

The Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF) was held in The Hague (NL) from 26 to 30 March 2012. IDF was represented by the chair of the SC on Residues and Chemical Contaminants (SCRCC), Koenraad Duhem (FR).

The main matters of interest to the dairy industry of this 6th Session of CCCF that will be further proceeded for adoption or consideration by the 35th session of the Codex Alimentarius Committee (CAC) Session , Rome, Italy, 2-7th July, are as follows:

Draft Maximum Levels for Melamine in Food (Liquid Infant Formula)

The melamine ML for liquid infant formulae of 0.15 mg/kg was agreed upon and will be forwarded to the next CAC Session for approval, without the footnote for an exemption that the ML does not apply to liquid infant formula for which it can be proven that the level of melamine higher than 0.15 mg/kg is the consequence of migration from food contact materials.

Proposal for new work on:

The revision of the MLs for lead in milk and secondary milk products, infant formula, among other products, and therefore ML for lead will be a key topic in next session of CCCF in 2013.

Proposal for new work on:

Proposed draft levels for Radionuclides in food. An Electronic Working Group will review the current guideline levels for radionuclides in food and develop in parallel a clear guidance on their interpretation and application for further consideration by the next session (2013); milk might be one of the first target food considered.

CCCF agreed to forward the following standard drafts

- Revision of Risk Analysis Principles Applied by the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (as to, namely, their applicability to feed)
- Revision of the Code of Practice for Source Directed Measures to Reduce Contamination of Food with Chemicals(as to their applicability to feed) (CAC/RCP 49-2001)
- Revised Definition of Contaminant: the definition is extended from food to feed for food producing animals. This definition has been endorsed by the CCGP held in Paris, FRANCE, 2 - 6 APRIL 2012

The next meeting will be held 8-12 April 2013 in Moscow, Russia.



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CODEX COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The meeting took place in Paris/FR from 2 to 6 April 2012. IDF was represented by T. Geslain (FIL-IDF France) and J. Seifert (IDF Head Office).

The meeting was dominated by discussions on three key subjects.

Standards and related texts held at Step 8

As possible ways forward, an Electronic Working Group had put forward seven recommendations for CCGP consideration on which the meeting concluded as follows:

- No new work to develop additional guidance for chairpersons in the Codex Procedural Manual.
- No new work to revise the Codex Procedural Manual to provide additional guidance to Chairs.
- No need to introduce "Concern Forms" horizontally in Codex. The good practices used by various committees should be shared between committees in order to improve the overall process.
- No amendment to the elaboration procedures. The proposed deletion of the sentence "The Commission may also decide that the standard be held at Step 8" was rejected.
- No revision of the Procedural Manual to allow for the adoption of a standard on a regional basis should consensus not be achieved to adopt the standard as a global standard. The meeting felt that adoption of standards on a regional basis was not a solution as food safety standards should be set on a world-wide basis.
- It was agreed to retain the current Codex Rules of Procedure with respect to voting.
- A facilitated discussion to identify and consider the root causes for holding standards at Step 8 will be organized in conjunction with the 36th Session of CAC in 2013. The co-chairs will be the EU and US, facilitated by the three Vice-Chairs of CAC.

Mechanisms for examining economic impact statement & CCGP TOR and mandate in this area It was felt premature to propose any amendments to the procedural manual or harmonized templates for the submission of economic impact statements. Discussions will continue at the next session on the basis of a discussion paper that would be developed jointly by Malaysia and Australia.

It was decided to leave the terms of reference (TOR) of CCGP unchanged and to continue discussions on the proposed revision of the TOR at the next session when the discussion paper from Australia and Malaysia would be available.

Discussion paper on the development of Joint Codex/OIE Standards

OIE has withdrawn its initial proposal for the development of joint standards owing to concerns expressed by Codex members in the light of differences between the standard-setting procedures of the two organizations. Participants of the meeting felt that the current framework for cooperation and that the current arrangements were adequate and should be retained while other modalities of cooperation could be considered. A proposal for mutual recognition, which is geared towards clarifying a small number of procedures to ensure harmonization of OIE and Codex standards, should be further discussed at the next session. An electronic working group chaired by Canada will prepare for a meeting of a physical working group held prior to the next session of the CCGP and hosted by OIE.

Furthermore, CCGP endorsed:

- Provisions on the use of proprietary methods in Codex standards (CCMAS)
- A revised Codex definition of the term "contaminant" (CCCF)
- No change to the current Codex definition of the term "hazard", according to the advice of several Codex committees

The next meeting of CCGP will be held in 2014, most likely in Paris/France (to be confirmed).



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FAO MULTI-STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP ON IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

In pursuing the development of a global Agenda of Action in support of sustainable livestock development (AoA), FAO invited stakeholders from livestock sector organizations including IDF, governments, academia and civil society representatives to a three-day workshop on "Closing the efficiency gap in natural resource use". The workshop took place in Rome on 2 - 4 April 2012.

IDF representation (IDF President Richard Doyle, IDF HO staff Stanislav Jaš) promoted the work being developed by the dairy sector while giving examples of Green Paper case studies (www.dairysustainabilityinitiative.org) which supported a set of messages related to improvements of natural resource use efficiency in the dairy sector, in particular:

- understanding variations between farms proves key in taking targeted action,
- farmers can and do learn from other farmers to improve,
- taking actions collectively delivers, initiatives involving the whole dairy supply chain exist,
- there are particularities with small holder dairy farmers in developing countries and this needs to be born in mind when trying to implement an efficiency change there,
- improvements in farm management practice and yield optimization are major drivers for better natural resource use efficiency in the dairy sector.

The consultation showed that multiple activities which effectively address the issue exist, including efficiency measurement methodologies, the challenge being for the AoA to build on them and offer a value added rather than to duplicate efforts or start developing new approaches. Improved farm management and optimization of yield productivity appear as major drivers of change in resource use efficiency in livestock.

The meeting agreed on a set of initial actions to be initiated after the workshop and carried out within one year from now. A global stock-taking of existing actions and initiatives will be the first step. The AoA will integrate with existing initiatives, including the dairy Global Dairy Agenda for Action.

Next steps include organization of two other workshops on "Reduced discharge" (24- 27 April, Seoul, South Korea) and "Restoring value to grassland" (7-10 May, 2012, Brasilia, Brazil).

A first public statement on launching the AoA is scheduled for September 2012. An announcement of commitment by the stakeholder will be done to address the three AoA focus areas in one multi-stakeholder dialogue: Narrowing the efficiency gap in resource use efficiency; Restoring value to pasture; Reduced discharge – manure management.

More information about the AoA and the workshop at www.livestockdialogue.org or contact IDF HO staff Stanislav Jaš,



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RELATIONS WITH IDF MEMBERS

Visit to the National Committee of the Philippines

Immediately after the Regional Conference in Seoul – Korea, Christian Robert paid a visit to Dr. Alcala, Secretary of State in charge of Agriculture of the Philippines, in a context of political changes, new management and the need to confirm the collaboration with the local Authorities and dairy sector.

A conference was organized with the support of the National Dairy Authority Mrs Grace Cenas and her Deputy Mrs Naomi Torreta. On this occasion, the IDF Director General highlighted the numerous opportunities and benefits provided by IDF membership.

The presence of representatives from several companies among which Nestlé, Fonterra, TetraPak, LandOLakes and other local suppliers, who are also traditional supporters of IDF was ensured by our very collaborative Secretary of the IDF National Committee Mrs Judith Platero.

The short visit to Manila was concluded by a confirmation of the good collaboration and an invitation to the dairy sector to contribute to the Green Paper with local examples of best practices and successful achievements in the sustainability area.



Visit to the Office of the Secretary of State Dr Proceso J Alcala, at the Department of Agriculture From left to right: Mrs Sally Bulatao (Technical Advisor), Mrs Grace J Cenas (Administrator of the National Dairy Authority), Dr Proceso J Alcala, Christian Robert, Mrs Naomi K Torreta (Deputy Administrator of the National Dairy Authority) and Mrs Judith Platero (Secretary of the IDF National Committee)

Visit to the National Committee of Japan

The IDF Director General went to Japan for a preliminary visit to Yokohama, in preparation of the IDF World Dairy Summit 2013. The Yokohama Conference Center is indeed a recent infrastructure fully equipped with modern technologies and easy to reach.

Several meetings were organized, in Yokohama as well as in Tokyo, in order to assist the Japanese Organizing Committee, to identify success factors and meet with key stakeholders to ensure full support for an outstanding IDF event in October - November 2013 around the theme of "Rediscovering Milk".

Personal visits were organized to the Presidents of the major Japanese companies and partners involved in the organization of the Summit: Megmilk Snow Brand, Meiji, Morinaga and Yakult.

Following these very positive contacts, private visits were organized to the Ministry of Health and to the Ministry of Agriculture, which confirmed their enthusiasm to be able to welcome the IDF World Dairy Summit in Yokohama from October 28 to November 1, 2013.



A conference gathering key stakeholders and main supporters of the IDF WDS 2013 was organized in Tokyo in April 2012, in order to discuss the preparation of the Summit in Yokohama next year.



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🌊 IDF Cheese Ripening & Technology Symposium

21-24 May 2012, Madison, Wisconsin, United States

This three-day symposium includes 12 keynote speakers from 5 different countries, 30 oral presentations as well as a daily poster session; plus an optional day of technical tours.

With a strong tradition, this symposium, which brings together more than 300 scientists and researchers from around the globe every four years, offers dairy industry members a chance to discover and discuss innovative technologies and scientific findings related to topics such as: proteolysis, lipolysis, microbial ecology, cheese metabolism/catabolism, cheesemaking technologies, membrane technology, material science, oral processing, sensory evaluation, cheese safety, gene expression, probiotics and prebiotics, and nutrigenomics.

“This is an excellent chance for the cheese industry and institutes to interact with colleagues from around the world while being exposed to the latest science from the best cheese scientists in the world.” commented Rusty Bishop, Schreiber Foods, and Chair of the U.S. Program Committee.

For more program details visit the Symposium website at :<http://www.idfcheeseus2012.com>.

🌊 2012 IDF/ISO Analytical Week

4-8 June 2012, Tel Aviv, Israel

The IDF/ISO Analytical Week is the annual topical event for experts in the field of standardization of methods of analysis and sampling for milk and milk products. A half-day symposium will be organized during the week. The symposium is likely to cover other fields than those merely related to analysis and sampling.

The online registration for the IDF/ISO Analytical Week is now available. Early bird registration ends on May 4. The schedule of the week is also on the website at :<http://www.idf-iso-analytical-week.org>

🌊 IDF/INRA International Symposium on Spray Dried Dairy Products

19-21 June 2012, St.Malo, France

The event aims at bringing together research and industry leaders to share ideas and information about new developments in two complementary fields of science and technology – the manufacture of dairy powders and the functionality of these products as food ingredients.

Make sure to register before March 31, 2012 and pay only 500€ for full access to the Symposium.

For more information on the Symposium, visit <https://colloque4.inra.fr/sddp2012>.

🌊 IDF World Dairy Summit

4-8 November 2012, Cape Town, South Africa

Come join us to the IDF World Dairy Summit – the world's primary leading edge dairy event and most important gathering of and for dairy specialists and decision-makers in all dairy related fields.

Make sure to visit <http://www.wds2012.com> for detailed information. The latest brochure is also available for download on the website.