IFMA NEWSLETTER MAY 2015 - IFMA20 Extended Deadlines and Newsletter

In this Newsletter (which is best viewed in HTML format.):

IFMA20 Congress Extended Deadlines

Registration: Below the Newsletter I am including the latest announcement from the organisers of the IFMA20 Congress – in which you will see that the **Early Bird Registration period has been extended to the 15th May.** Also all the important deadlines are shown with their appropriate links for you to follow. Remember you must become a member of IFMA to attend the congress – either by joining during the congress registration process – or by going online to the ifmaonline.org website and joining on the membership pages.

Authors of Contributed Papers now have until that date (Friday 15th May) to register for the congress as a full delegate to ensure that they have a slot to present their paper at the congress, and for the paper to be included in the Proceedings.

This also means that **all those who are paying by Bank Transfer** should ensure that their payment reaches the organisers **by that date** (unless they have pre-arranged when payment is to be made with the organisers).

Accommodation: Delegates should also note that bedrooms currently reserved for the Congress in the recommended hotels will be released to the general public after **Monday 11th May** – so there is no guarantee after that date that there will be rooms available, and this is of particular significance this congress as there is a Summer Music Festival taking place in Québec at the same time as the Congress. So book your accommodation by the 11th May! But please also note that the preferred rates at the hotels for Congress participants will be kept until the individual hotels run out of rooms after this date – so use the Group ID provided on the IFMA20 Accommodation page on the website to ensure you get the discounted rate.

IFMA20 Pre & Post Congress Tours - Ontario & Maritimes - Cut off dates.

Reminders of the cut off dates for booking on the Pre and Post Congress Tours are given below. Both tours are currently reasonably well supported and will go ahead as planned. However there is room on both tours for more, and of course the larger the number of participants the cheaper the tours will be (follow the links to see the details). I cannot remember anyone participating in a congress tour complaining that it had not met their expectations in full – in fact for those "in the know" they have proved to be very enlightening about the agriculture and the cultures of the areas toured, and also great fun with the opportunity to make lasting friendships with people from all around the world. These tours are being organised separately by Leader Tours of Calgary and will be accompanied by a professional tour manager.

IFMA20 Organisers Newsletter – Here is the link to the latest Congress Newsletter as sent out to all who registered to receive it. The IFMA20 Newsletter for May 2015.

IFMA20 Congress Promotion – Although the number of contributed papers received and approved are high, and the number of delegates registered so far indicates a successful congress – we could always do with more attending. So if you know or can think of colleagues and friends who would really benefit from attending this congress – they always offer so much (as all our past congress evaluation reports have indicated) - please acquaint them of what a congress offers and encourage them to participate. There is still time to register at the Early Bird Rate!!

I am looking forward to meeting all who can attend at the congress,

Best Regards, Tony.

Tony King Hon. Secretary

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