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First of all – a very warm welcome to all the new subscribers to the IFMA Newsletter. A lot has happened during and since the Congress – so please bear with me as there is much to include in this Newsletter.

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IFMA19 – Congress Report.

Another great congress – that seems to be the general conclusion of all those who completed their congress evaluation forms. Once again the organisers – Edward Majewski and his small team – must be praised for the huge and very successful job they did for the congress. An immense amount of detailed work goes into the preparation of a congress and I know this team, and Edward in particular, did not stint in their efforts to plan and then run this congress. The theme of the congress may have been “Transforming agriculture – between policy, science and the consumer” but the motto was “expect the unexpected” – a term Edward used when introducing the piano player at the congress dinner! Unexpected was certainly what we got for the entertainment (brilliant) but also throughout the congress, including the excellent and well organised 7 Field Trips, and both the Pre and Post Congress Tours. We were left with no doubt that Polish farmers and agribusinesses had demonstrated their abilities to transform their agriculture – and had used/managed their accession to the European Union to the full. One could not help but be impressed with the speed of change and the degree of investment in some major projects that had been achieved in a relatively short time. Both the pre and post congress tours were well attended (over 40 on each) and provided the participants with an experience both agricultural and historic that they will never forget. The food and hospitality was wonderful.

It is not possible to thank Edward and his team, particularly Stefania, enough for their unstinting efforts to make their IFMA congress an unqualified success – they more than succeeded - and they should know that we are hugely grateful for everything they achieved!

IFMA19 – Video and Photographs

The IFMA19 congress website is still running and if you visit the home page you will find a video taken during the congress with both ‘speaker’ and ‘participant’ interviews and scenes from the congress and field trips (17 minutes in English). Also on the home page is a link (below the video) to a photograph gallery with a large number of photos in various sections from the pre tour and each element of the congress including some of the Field Trips, and a gallery of all the plenary speakers. Click on a photo to get a larger view or run the slide show. Go to www.ifma19.org

IFMA19 – Congress Proceedings

I have uploaded all the 19th congress contributed papers and virtually all of the proceedings to the ifmaonline.org Congress Proceedings section. They are in three Volumes. Vol.1. has the peer reviewed papers, Vol.2. the non-peer review papers and posters and Vol.3. has the plenary speakers’ papers and presentations, the field trips, a few of the Themed Session Presentations and the IFMA20 Presentation. Each volume also carries a link to a copy of the Congress Program and the Speakers Biographical Notes plus a Table of Contents relative to the Volume. Volumes 1 & 2 have their own ISBN numbers – Vol.1. ISBN 978-92-990062-1-4 and Vol.2. ISBN 978-92-990062-2-1 (note that these numbers are different from those used on the congress books and CD).

You will see that the papers are listed in each volume alphabetically by their author’s name and you need to click on the author’s name to go to the webpage for the paper where in most cases the Abstract is available. Below the abstract you will find a [Full Paper] button to download the full paper or presentation. Also the papers are given prefixes to their titles – PR= Peer Review, NPR= Non-Peer Review, PO= Poster, Th* = Themed Session where the * is the letter that was given to the session, and ZXFT= Field Trip.

Go to <http://www.ifmaonline.org/pages/congress.php> (or alternatively, on the website home page click on 'Congresses', and then 'Proceedings' at the bottom of the list on the left). This page has a list of all the proceedings from the 13th Congress (2002) to the 19th Congress (2013) inclusive – 7 Congresses. The top three items are the 3 volumes of IFMA20. Whilst on this page, note that there is a search facility which covers all the papers and presentations in the database, with options to search on Authors Name, Country, Paper Title, and the Paper Abstract (includes Keywords). Click on the Volume that you wish to access to go to the list of papers/posters/presentations in that volume.

I am sure you will appreciate that this store of papers and presentations is now a great resource (around a 1,000 documents) on Farm Management – please promote this facility to others – and of course use the links to your paper or other individual papers where it is appropriate. ([Back to top](#))

IFMA Council - Changes – Constitution – Country Reports

At each Congress the Council of IFMA takes the opportunity to meet twice – once before the congress starts and then again at the end. The General Meeting also takes place during the congress. During the first meeting the Council chooses the Executive Committee for the period to the next Congress (2 years). At this congress John Alliston stood down from being President and Trevor Atkinson was elected as the new President of IFMA. Rob Napier (Aus.) and Damona Doye (USA) were re-elected as Vice Presidents and Tony King as the Hon. Secretary / Treasurer of IFMA. The past President becomes an ex-officio member of the Executive. It was also decided that we should introduce the position of Patron of the Association and Malcolm Stansfield (President from 1991-2007) was elected as the first Patron of IFMA. We welcome Trevor and Malcolm to the Executive, and thank John Alliston for his invaluable work during his 6 years as President.

At each General Meeting of IFMA the Council Members are elected / re-elected and joining Council at this congress were Abele Kuipers who replaces Paul Berentsen from The Netherlands, Frikkie Maré who replaces Lize Morris from South Africa, and Heather Watson as the representative for the 2015 Congress in Canada. Edward Majewski replaces Mihály Vörös from Hungary as the Central European representative as well as being on Council for IFMA19. We thank Paul, Lize and Mihály for their contributions to IFMA (Paul and Mihály having been involved in congress organisation for 13th in 2001/2 and 9th in 1993 respectively). Since the congress Philip Nyangweso (Kenya) has been co-opted to Council to represent Africa – East. We welcome Abele, Frikkie and Philip to Council and are convinced that they will bring new dimensions to the association and we look forward to their contribution. To see all the members of IFMA Council go here:

http://www.ifmaonline.org/pages/index.php?main_id=2 (or go to 'About IFMA' from the IFMA home page and click on [Council]). Clicking on a name will bring up a webpage about each member, which includes their contact details.

Following the decision to form the new position of Patron of the Association, it was necessary to make a few changes to the IFMA Constitution and this was approved at the General Meeting on 24th July. You can find the Constitution here:

http://ifmaonline.org/upload/IFMA_Constitution_2013_final.pdf (or click the link at the bottom of the webpage 'About IFMA')

At the first Council Meeting of each congress it has become a tradition for Council Members to provide a short personal "Country Report" concerning Farm Management issues in their country. Council felt that these reports should receive a wider viewing amongst IFMA Members – and that it would be useful to provide these personal reports on a more regular annual basis. They are an interesting read and this year's Country Reports are assembled and available in a PDF document here:

<http://ifmaonline.org/upload/2013-Country-Reports%20for%20IFMA19%20July.pdf>. Previous Country Reports are available under [Articles] on the website. ([Back to top](#))

IFMA Council – Membership Fees

Membership Fees were reviewed by Council – they have remained roughly the same since 2008. The Treasurer provided a budget for IFMA for the next two years and on that basis the Council agreed an increase of Membership Fees to the equivalent of GB£35 – so on the website the annual fees are now US\$57.50 or €42.50 or £35 (from \$40 / €30 / £25 respectively). Corporate Membership (3 combined individual memberships) will now cost \$155 or €115 or £95. Membership taken at congress registrations will be increased pro rata. Adjustments for currency exchange rate changes will be done as and when necessary.

International Journal of Agricultural Management (IJAM) – 2 New Editions

Since the last Newsletter two new editions have been added to the Journal on **IngentaConnect** – Vol.2 #4 and Vol.3. #1. Non-members can access the Journal editions freely after the edition has

been published for a year – go here to see the five editions that are currently available free: <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/iagrm/ijam>. Note that the editions with a blue square with an [F] in the icon are the “free to view” editions. ([back to top](#))

IFMA20 – dates and venue

Organisation of the 20th IFMA Congress in Quebec City, Canada is well underway. Originally the organisers were planning to have the congress in August, but after feedback from members they have decided the dates for the congress will be **12th to 17th July 2015 – so please add these dates to your diary now**. The venue will be Université Laval in Quebec City – a beautiful and historic city with easy access to some excellent and interesting agriculture. It is early days yet and the website is currently in the process of being assembled – but do save the website address (below) and pay a visit early in the new year. This congress will be a dual English / French language event. More news when it is available.

AFMA – 9th Congress – dates and venue

It is with great pleasure I can announce that the 9th Africa Farm Management Congress will be held in Cape Town, South Africa next year from **16th - 21st November 2014**. AFMA Congresses were revived in 2012, with the 8th AFMA Congress being held successfully in Nairobi, Kenya, with the encouragement of IFMA Council Member and then President of AFMA Grace Evbuomwan, and with Philip Nyangweso (recently co-opted to IFMA Council) as the chief organiser. He is the current President of AFMA. In 2014 the congress is being organised by Mfusi Mjonono (attended IFMA19). The website address for the Congress is <http://www.afma-sa.co.za/main.html>. The theme for the Congress is “*Transforming African Agriculture: From Production to Markets and beyond*” and the Call for Papers can be found on the website. ([back to top](#))

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The 20th IFMA Congress will be held at Université Laval, Quebec City, Canada, 12th-17th July 2015.

Congress Website – www.ifma20.org