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Attachments:

Dear IFMA Newsletter Recipient,

I extend a warm welcome to the many new people you have registered to receive this email newsletter since the last Newsletter in February.

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16th Congress – July 2007, Cork, Ireland

Congresses you will find that a lot more information and background to next year's congress has been added, including photos of the venue and some of the accommodation options. In particular you should note that the Call for Papers is still on course to be made in October 2006 and that the organisers are planning to start taking registration for the congress in January 2007. Following requests from previous congress participants, Contributed Papers will now be formally "peer reviewed" for this congress, and to that purpose a formidable Scientific Committee of Irish and International reviewers is being assembled. Non- academics will however be able to elect not to have their papers reviewed – we wish to encourage papers from all participant types! Following the congress, papers will be published in an eBook format on the ifmaonline website and will have an ISBN number (as is now the case for the Brazil, Australian and the Dutch Congresses). Published papers will indicate if they have been peer reviewed or not.

IFMA's President, Malcolm Stansfield, and I made a quick visit to Cork to see how plans were coming along for the congress and were most impressed by all the arrangements that JJ Harty and his team, including those at University College Cork, are making for the Congress. The itineraries for the Pre and Post Congress tours are well on their way to being settled, as also are those for the Congress Field Trips.

A very warm welcome, good facilities, a beautiful and interesting countryside, great food, drink and social events are all assured for this congress – so if you can, start making plans to be there!

Re - IFMA16.org website. If you visit this website, which is due to have several updates soon, please be aware that the information at the bottom of the Accommodation Page refers to 2006, and that if you take the link through to the UCC Accommodation website the information there will not be relevant to the 16th IFMA Congress. Special booking arrangements will be made and announced along with Registration Forms for the Congress in January 2007.

17th Congress – July 2009, Bloomington/Normal, Illinois, USA

Plans for this congress, under the guidance of the Chairman of the Organising Committee Carroll Merry the Executive Director of the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ISPFMRA), are well advanced and we had time to catch up on developments when Carroll made a whirlwind tour to Cork to visit JJ Harty and myself. Carroll was interested to learn how the organisation of the 16th Congress was formed and to discuss dual sponsorship opportunities. During his visit he issued an invitation on behalf of the Am.Soc.FMRA to JJ Harty to make a presentation to their meeting in Atlanta next February about the 16th Congress.

Regional Meetings (News and Other Events)

Announcements of three regional meetings, with details, have been added to the News & Events > Other Events page of the website. These events are:

The **New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management** organisation's annual conference with the main theme being "ENERGY & WATER" to be held near Wellington from Wed. 7th to Fri. 10th June – conference programme available.

New Zealanders – please note that during this conference a meeting will be held for those interested in helping with the organisation of the 2011 - 18th IFMA Congress in New Zealand – volunteers most welcome!

The **Australasian Farm Business Management Network**'s Conference "GROWING THE BUSINESS -

Setting the focus for tomorrow" being held at Marcus Oldham College at Geelong, Victoria from 21st to 22nd September.

The UK Institute of Agricultural Management and British Institute of Agricultural Consultants' annual National Farm Management Conference "THE CHALLENGE OF TOMORROW – Bring it on!" to be held on the 15th & 16th November near Basingstoke, England.

Journal – JIFM ISSN 1816 - 2495

Just to say that the next edition of the Journal is on its way with a few papers submitted and being reviewed – but we need more please! We are dependent on you to provide the papers to make this Journal a success! Please contact John Gardner, the Journal's Editor.

IFMA Membership Scheme

In the last newsletter I indicated that I hoped to be announcing the new membership scheme for IFMA soon. I have made good progress in setting this up, but inevitably there was much to consider regarding how this will work, and this includes making additional benefits available. I am keen to "get if right first time" if possible.

The Membership database has now been set up and before too long those who are "members" (as a result of attending the Brazil Congress where they paid their dues) will be receiving their membership details via email.

I hope to have online membership subscription available fairly shortly and will announce the scheme details then.

Announcement – Sao Paulo University's CEPEA Research Unit website is now available in English

I have been asked by CEPEA to let people know that their website is now fully available in English (launched today!) so you can catch up with the latest Brazilian agribusiness news including prices – and how exchange rate changes have caused great financial pain to the soya bean producers of Brazil! Lots of news available in English and you can sign up to the Mailing List. (N.B. Members of this department were the organisers of the 15th Congress in Campinas last August, and Ana Julia and Ana Paula have been much involved in setting the new site up.)

Website: http://cepea.esalg.usp.br/english/ Well worth a look!

Best Wishes, and I hope to contact you again soon regarding the IFMA Membership Scheme.

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