

## IFMA NEWSLETTER - JULY 2010

### 18<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL FARM MANAGEMENT CONGRESS (IFMA18)

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### **IFMA18 – Chateau on the Park, Christchurch – 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**

The IFMA18 website has recently had a great deal of updating and upgrading – and more is due to happen on the website in the next few weeks. In particular you can see and download the latest position on the **Congress Programme** and also reference the details of many of the speakers – a truly excellent international group of speakers. The **Field Trip** options for the Tuesday and Thursday are now fully outlined, and again you can download the Field Trips for reference when you come to choose your options. The **Accompanying Person Programme** is detailed (again it can be downloaded – this programme has been assembled by Trish Macfarlane, a regular congress AP with her husband Andy. **Accommodation** options, prices and booking procedures are also set out.

Details of the **Pre (South Island) and Post (North Island) Congress tours** are also available as downloadable PDFs – these tours have been organised by professional agricultural tour operators – both members of the NZIPIM (the host organisation of the congress).

So there is much to see on the website and if you have not yet "expressed your interest" you should do this on the website soon as new information is due out shortly.

### **IFMA18 – "Call for Papers" REMINDER – Final date for Submission is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

This is just to remind authors that there is only 2 months to go to the final paper and poster submission date. All the details for submitting papers is available for downloading from the IFMA18 website ([click here if hyperlink showing](#)). Authors are reminded that they should download the appropriate template for their paper or poster.

Papers can be submitted in two categories – **Peer Review** for authors who need this and **Non-Peer Review** and **Posters** for those who don't. The organisers are very keen to receive practical 'case study' papers from all involved in the industry. An excellent group of 'reviewers' is assembled under the Chairmanship of John Gardner – but **please do not leave submission of your paper to the very last minute!**

### **Registration – To assist your budgeting**

Registration should be ready and open to accept registration sometime in August. For those who need to budget, the following Delegate fees will apply unless there are any last minute changes required.

**Full Delegate** – Early Bird Registration up to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – **NZD \$1,090**;  
Standard Registration (from 21<sup>st</sup> December) NZD \$1,240

**IFMA Membership** purchased when registering – 2 year – **NZD \$120** (note: all Full Delegates must be current members of IFMA to attend congress).

**Accompanying Person Programme\*** – Early Bird Registration to 20<sup>th</sup> December – **NZD \$850**; Standard Registration (from 21<sup>st</sup> December) NZD \$940. \*Note that the APP is a different programme and does **not** apply to additional delegates attending the congress!

**Pre Congress Tour, South Island** – 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March – Two sharing **NZD \$3,040** per person, single supplement NZD \$626.

**Post Congress Tour, North Island** – 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March – Two sharing **NZD £2,560** per person, single supplement NZD \$412 (includes flight)

If you need a currency exchange calculation site I have found this one useful <http://www.xe.com/> (see calculator below the table). Remember these are not 'tourist' rates and some credit card companies will charge extra when processing payments.

### **NZ Visas – Plan ahead if you need one – early warning.**

New Zealand Immigration has a website with all the details regarding Visa requirements. For NZ there are a number of **Visa – Free** nations (Visa Waiver) and you should check the list and whether any conditions apply to individual countries in this group. Other nationals will need to apply for a Visa and for some countries this is a moderately complicated process as NZ does not have Visa issuing facilities in all countries. In many cases you will need to apply for your visa to an office in another country (Nigeria to London, Ghana to Pretoria, Egypt to Dubai for instance). You will need to demonstrate that you have sufficient resources for your stay and also that you have purchased return flights. So you need to plan obtaining your visa at an early stage. You can visit the "Visiting New Zealand" page of the Immigration Service by clicking or entering this link - <http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/> There are a number of page links – including that to the Visa-Free Country list. Also on the website is a "Office and Fees Finder" facility – look under **Toolbox** in right hand column of the **Visitor** page.

As previously - **please promote the congress** to your colleagues and friends who might be interested in attending the congress – and don't forget to update those who you have already notified. If you want to send me the details and contact information of anyone you think could be interested I am happy to add them to the Non-Member IFMA Newsletter distribution list. I will also attach a simple flyer on the congress should you find that useful in promoting the congress.

### **WEBSITE Article Section – New 'Country Reports'**

Several of the IFMA Council Members have provided recent '**July 2010 - Country Reports**' from their region and you can find these on the website in the [Article Section](#) of the ifmaonline.org website. In bullet point form, it is intended that these reports will become a regular feature and we hope will develop to include other members of IFMA. They provide an interesting and current insight to how agriculture and farming are doing in countries around the world. Obviously they are the personal insights of our Council Members.

I hope all goes well with you and that you are making plans to attend IFMA18,  
Best Regards,  
Tony.

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