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Dear IFMA Newsletter Recipient,

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16th IFMA Congress – Cork, Ireland, 15th – 20th July 2007 www.ifma16.org

16th Congress Website - major update on 27th November

A major update has been made to the website to all sections. In addition to those mentioned below, most pages have been updated. The Post Congress Tour has now been priced, and all the information for both Pre and Post tours is available on the website. There have been some minor changes to the Accommodation Page.

Call for Papers, Submission Dates and Guidelines

As indicated in the previous Newsletter – the Call for Papers for the Congress was launched about a month ago. On the website under "Submit Papers" you will find all the information on the themes of the congress, and the details for submitting "Academic" (peer reviewed) papers and "Applied" (non peer reviewed) papers.

Those wishing to submit papers should note that the **closing date for submitting abstracts for Academic Papers is the 20th December 2006**, and for Applied Papers it is the 31st January 2007.

Also on the website are the Guidelines for papers.

Both the Call for Papers and the Guidelines are available as downloadable Adobe PDF files.

Congress - Outline Programme

Under "Programme" on the website you will find the outline programme for the whole congress. Details of the Field Trip options for the Tuesday and Thursday of the congress are expected soon.

Congress Registration Costs

On the "Registrations Page" you now find all the costs for the congress – this includes the Early Bird Fee to 1st May 2007 which will be Euros 825. Pre and Post Congress Tours and the Accompanying Person Programme Fees are also displayed.

Online Registration with credit card payment is scheduled to be available from the middle of December.

Remember delegates need to reserve their accommodation in addition to registering for the congress.

Risk Management Workshop 12th – 14th July at University College Cork.

As an additional option this Congress there is the unique opportunity to attend the internationally acclaimed 3 day Risk Management Simulation Workshop based around Simetar©, an MS Excel Plug-in package. The workshop will be run by Dr James Richardson from Texas A&M University, principal author of Simetar. These workshops are normally only run at College Station, Texas, USA. Limited to 20 participants – registration for this should be available at the same time as that for Congress Registration. The Registration fee is €1,350. Visit www.simetar.com to learn more about the workshop's content, and the congress website for more details.

Accompanying Person Programme

The full details of two very interesting tours for the Monday and Wednesday are now posted. The AP Programme package also includes attendance on the Field Trips of the AP's choice on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the Congress, as well as the full social programme. The APP package cost is €400.

Social Programme.

The basic outline of the social programme is available, including the Reception on the Sunday, visit to Blarney with dinner, and the Congress Banquet on the Tuesday and Thursday. On Monday and Wednesday delegates are free to make their own choice, but the organisers plan to offer a number of options from sporting events to theatre and opera – subject to what is available at the time. More information on these options will be made available nearer to the Congress once it is known what events are available at that time.

General Note: The congress is being held at the height of the tourist season – and Cork County is very popular because of the extraordinary scenery and history of the area. Most venues have had to be pre booked. Hotel Reservations for the Pre and Post Tours had to be made months ago - so these two tours are limited to 50 people each and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Please do all you can to promote the Congress to anyone you think might be interested – your word of mouth (or email) is the most valuable form of promotion. Virtually all the detail you need to promote the congress is now available on the website.

In particular, could those of you who are **academics** please pass on the information and links as soon as possible so that they are aware of the paper submission deadline of 20th December 2006.

Articles – Report on Workshop on Simplification of the European Common Agricultural Policy

On the ifmaonline.org website on the Articles Page you will find a Report on a Workshop held by the EU Agricultural Commissioner under the title - 'The Simplification of the administration of the Common Agricultural Policy – A challenge for all.' IFMA were asked at relatively short notice to provide a couple of participants at the workshop – so we were particularly grateful to Brian Jacobsen and Jøergen Jensen for taking up the challenge. Their report will be of interest to those who suffer the administrative headaches that the CAP inflicts!

Members' Announcements.

I am pleased to announce the first Member's Announcement – and congratulate **Sentry UK** for making the decision to place theirs on the Company Announcement Page. Hopefully this will encourage others to join Sentry. I believe this area of the ifmaonline.org website could be a very valuable resource to visitors and members alike and I look forward to members putting their organisations (including Academic organisations) forward. More on this on another occasion – but please do consider putting your organisation forward – if does not involve much work or cost to do so.

News & Events > Regional Events - Canadian and American

On the Regional Events page you will find announcements of conferences – one in Canada and several in the USA due to take place early in 2007. Remember we are pleased to have farm management related events announced on the website, particularly if they are from associated organisations – just contact me with the relevant information.

Until the next Newsletter – my Best Regards, Tony.

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