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Message from the Director General



The value of IDF's activities related to animal feeding was demonstrated recently at the 4th Global Feed & Food Congress (GFFC), organized by the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF), with technical support by the FAO, in Sun City (ZA) from 10-12 April 2013.

IDF was the only private sector organization invited to host a session, demonstrating the unique cross-industry partnership between IFIF and IDF, and their joint commitment to meeting the global challenge of feeding 9 billion people by 2050, both safely and sustainably.

Eight presentations, including an introduction to IDF and its activities of relevance to the feed industry by IDF President Dr Jeremy Hill, provided a comprehensive overview of the numerous activities undertaken by the global dairy sector in this field. Also highlighted was the importance of IDF's collaborative efforts with other international organizations, such as the IDF/FAO/IFCN World Mapping of Animal Feeding Systems in the Dairy Sector, the GDAA and our relationship with Codex.

The event underlined that agriculture remains one of the most reliable drivers of the economy in many parts of the world, as well as the need to adopt methods which are environmentally friendly, suitable to reduce poverty and presenting minimum risks to human health and welfare. New findings and several innovative approaches relating to animal nutrition for ruminants were presented in this context.

The key challenge for all agri-food sectors in the coming decades is to produce more from less. IDF's contribution to the GFFC was a valuable step in promoting increased efficiency and effectiveness of the entire dairy supply chain.

Handouts of all presentations of the IDF GFFC session are available for IDF members from the [Intranet: Events / GFFC](#). Other selected presentations of the GFFC are available from the [event website](#). I invite you all to take a look.

Dr Nico van Belzen

IDF Director General



Speakers at the IDF session of GFFC: (l-r) R Bouchard (CA), N Fouché (ZA - moderator), E Zerbini (IT), J Seifert (IDF), C McCrindle (ZA), K Duhem (FR), J Hill (IDF President), H Makkar (FAO), MG Garg (IN)

PROGRAMME OF WORK - NUTRITION



First international collaboration to showcase latest body of evidence of dairy health benefits

For the very first time, eight dairy organizations from around the world have joined efforts to demonstrate tangible nutritional benefits of dairy at a satellite symposium on “Maintaining health with nutrient rich diets: The role of dairy in prevention of metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular disease (CVD), obesity and sarcopenia.” Organized in conjunction with the 20th International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS) Congress of Nutrition, taking place in Granada, Spain, from 15-20 September 2013, this Symposium will present, on Thursday 19 September (17:00-19:00), updates on the most recent studies demonstrating these four different yet major health benefits of dairy products.

The eight organizations responsible for organizing this satellite symposium, namely Dairy Australia, Dairy Council (UK), Dairy Research Institute (DRI, an organization established under the leadership of U.S. dairy farmers through Dairy Management Inc.), Dutch Dairy Association (NZO), European Milk Forum (EMF), French Dairy Inter-branch Organization (CNIEL), Global Dairy Platform (GDP) and the International Dairy Federation (IDF), recognize the importance of international collaboration and knowledge transfer of technical research and insights for advancement in nutrition science.

The Symposium will include four presentations featuring leading experts, including “Dairy’s Rich nutrient package” by Prof. Connie Weaver, “Dairy, metabolic syndrome and blood pressure, evidence from the MONICA Study” by Prof. Vanina Bongard, “The relationship between high-fat dairy and obesity, cardiovascular, and metabolic disease” by Prof. Mario Kratz and “Dairy Protein and muscle mass maintenance in the elderly: preventing sarcopenia” by Prof. Luc van Loon.

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PROGRAMME OF WORK - DAIRY POLICIES AND ECONOMICS

Standing Committee on Dairy Policies and Economics Spring Meeting

At the invitation of CNIEL, the Standing Committee on Dairy Policies and Economics (SCDPE) had their spring meeting in Paris on 11 and 12 April 2012.

The meeting went through the work in progress and deliberated on new work items that could be integrated into the SCDPE programme of work. The experts appreciated the fact that the Country Reports, presented at the SCDPE meeting, are now converted into Factsheets and uploaded on the [IDF website](http://www.idfworld.org).

The World Dairy Situation Report 2013 team made a presentation with the updates and highlights since the last meeting.

The Action Team for the Economic Conference of the World Dairy Summit 2013 discussed the Conference Programme in the presence of members of the Organizing Committee from the Japanese NC, Mssrs Kaoru Koide, Toshio Nomura and Richard Walton.

The representatives of the Organizing Committee of the World Dairy Summit 2014 were also present. An Action Team for the Economic conference at the 2014 Summit was established.

The Action Team on Milk Price Volatility will be disbanded since it has delivered work as required.

In the afternoon session, the SCDPE members met with representatives of the OECD. Presentations were made by Carmen Cahill and Wayne Jones of the Trade and Agriculture Directorate. The meeting was an opportunity to hear about the OECD work on agricultural policy issues and their annual joint report with the FAO on the outlook for the sector.

The next day the group was invited by Lactalis to visit the largest camembert factory in Domfront.

The SCDPE will next meet during the IDF World Dairy Summit 2013 in Yokohama, Japan.

BENEFITS OF DAIRYING

Nutrition Factsheets Available on the IDF Website



Two factsheets from the nutrition chapter of the Benefits of Dairying project, previously made available on the intranet, have now also been posted on the IDF website.

The first factsheet, entitled '**Nutrient-rich dairy foods and you**' provides information on how dairy products can provide a package of nutrient to help your body stay healthy.

The second, '**Dairy foods - Helping to nourish the world**', addresses questions such as 'are people meeting their nutritional needs?' and 'can you have a nutritionally adequate diet without dairy foods?'. This factsheet also highlights the importance of meeting recommended amounts of nutrients in the diet.

Both factsheets can be downloaded from the [Benefits of Dairying section on the IDF website](#).

They are also available on the [Intranet](#) at: **Communications / Benefits of Dairying / Nutritional Benefits**.

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - OIE

OIE first Global Conference on the Prudent Use of Antimicrobials in Veterinary Medicine

Following the OIE call for global alliance and solidarity to combat antimicrobial resistance, around 350 participants from more than 100 countries gathered in Paris (France) from 13 to 15 March 2013.



Lead representatives of WHO, FAO, Codex, the World Bank and from several private sector partners that have an cooperation agreement with the OIE came together to discuss the issue of antimicrobial resistance and the way forward to implement responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in animals worldwide. The dairy sector was represented by Helen Dornom and Robin Condron (both Australia), Réjean Bouchard (Canada) and Joerg Seifert (IDF HO).

Participants to the conference included stakeholders from public and private sector, national and international authorities and world renowned experts in the field of pharmacology, epidemiology, animal health and human health. The conference highlighted once again the paramount importance of OIE standards for the responsible and prudent use of antimicrobials in animals to appropriately address the risk of the emergence or spread of resistant bacteria. Their inclusion in veterinary legislation all over the world remains a key challenge.

Consensus was also reached on the need to stimulate cooperation and international solidarity with regard to ensuring good governance practices and supervision of the production, importation, marketing, distribution and use of antimicrobials. Given that resistant bacteria know no borders and inadequate management by a single country can jeopardize all the others, the participants advocated strengthening cooperation to help countries that are not yet in a position to apply the OIE's prudential standards to put in place the necessary legislation, structures and human and financial resources.

The conference welcomed the presentation and on-site dissemination of hard copies of the IDF Guide to Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents in Dairy Production, elaborated in collaboration with the OIE. The IDF guide demonstrates once again the pioneering role of IDF, in setting and effectively promoting best management practices to guide the sustainable development of an entire industry.

Abstracts, power point presentations and recommendations of the conference are available on the OIE website at the following address:

www.oie.int/eng/A_AMR2013/presentations.htm

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - CODEX

Codex Committee for Food Additives (CCFA)

The 45th session of the CCFA was held in Beijing, China, from 18 to 22 March 2013 and was attended by 253 delegates from 66 countries, 1 member organization and 33 international organizations. IDF was represented by J Huet (FR), M Hickey (IE), and A Sayler (US).

Acidity Regulators, emulsifiers, stabilizers and thickeners provisions in the General Standard for Food Additive (GSFA)

The physical Working Group, held prior to the CCFA plenary, mainly went through provisions related to additives listed in table 3 of the GSFA with the technical function „acidity regulator“ or „emulsifiers, stabilizers and thickeners“. An horizontal approach was adopted, allowing to identify food categories where these additives functional classes were justified.

IDF actively participated in the preparation of the working document and during the meeting, and its comments were mostly taken into account. It has to be noted that an electronic Working Group (eWG) was established, regarding descriptors of food category 01.1.1 (Milk and buttermilk (plain)) and subcategories, and additives provisions for these products. IDF will contribute to this eWG.

Provisions for Aluminium containing food additives

Given the revised intake provisions for aluminium (PTWI – Provisional Tolerable Weekly Intake) from all sources (not just food), this work aims at reducing permitted levels or finding alternatives to the use of aluminium containing food additives.



IDF delegation to CCFA: J Huet (SCFA chair, FR), M Hickey (IE), A Sayler (US)

The CCFA considered recommendations of the eWG regarding provisions for 5 of these food additives.

In its previous positions, IDF had confirmed that the dairy sector had already looked at this issue and found alternatives in most cases. Only INS 554- Sodium aluminosilicate - could not be substituted. This specific additive is used in salt used as surface treatment of ripened cheese. Specific provisions for this additive in salt will be forwarded to CAC for adoption.

Discussion paper on the alignment of food additives provisions from commodity and relevant provisions of the GSFA.

The CCFA agreed to use the amended Decision-tree Approach to Alignment of the GSFA and Commodity Standards Food Additives Provisions for its future work on the alignment. The decision-tree is intended for internal use of the CCFA only. An electronic working group will apply decision tree to standards with simple food additives provisions (cocoa standards, and soups and bouillons standards).

It should be noted that this agenda item will have a significant impact on the dairy standards. IDF will participate in the eWG. The IDF's SCFA, as part of its work over the coming year, will continue looking at how the 'decision tree' approach will impact the alignment of the additive provisions in the dairy standards with the GSFA.

The next CCFA meeting is scheduled for March 2014 in China.

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - FAO

Madrid High-Level Consultation on Hunger, Food Security and Nutrition

Hosted by the governments of Spain and Colombia and co-organised by FAO and WFP, the Madrid High-Level Consultation on Hunger, Food Security and Nutrition held on 4th April 2013 was the third and final phase of the Global Thematic Consultation on Hunger, Food Security and Nutrition. Key themes were the major importance of adequate nutrition in the first thousand days of life, and the thousand days remaining until the Millennium Development Goals were due, including the goal of halving the proportion of people who suffer from hunger between 1990 and 2015.

In his statement on behalf of IDF, Nico van Belzen noted that for more than a thousand months, over a hundred years, IDF has brought together all stakeholders in the dairy sector, from farmers to government, to jointly develop global expertise in dairy. From this experience the importance of involving private partners became clear, and he advocated a stronger role of the private sector in realising the Millennium Development Goals and the post-2015 agenda. Noting that agriculture, including livestock, is central to addressing hunger and poverty, he asked for supportive policies to encourage responsible and sustainable investments in agriculture. Farmers need access to knowledge, land, water, inputs, credit and markets, as well as good rural infrastructure. To truly improve the wellbeing of people and society, we need to provide not only calories but also nutrients, including those from animal sources like milk that has high nutrient density and is well recognised as part of a healthy diet in recommendations worldwide.

Margaret Chan (WHO Director General), Sharon Dijksma (Minister of Agriculture of the Netherlands), Mahmoud Mohieldin (World Bank Managing Director) and others also indicated that the private sector can play an important role. Several delegates supported farmer-centered policies. Agnes Kalibata (Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda) referred to the 'One cow per family' (Girinka) programme that helps poor Rwandese families improve their livelihood by enhancing milk and meat production and soil fertility. Shenggen Fan (IFPRI Director General) proposed specifying the post-2015 goal to sustainably end hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition by 2025, which was widely supported.

At the end of the meeting the results of the consultation were handed over to Ban Ki-Moon (UN Secretary General) and Mariano Rajoy (Prime Minister of Spain).

For an official event report, please [click here](#).

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

World Milk Day - 1 June 2013

World Milk Day is celebrated around the world every year on 1 June. This day provides an important opportunity to promote the benefits of drinking milk, and to publicize the activities of the milk industry as a whole.

We would like to promote the initiatives and celebrations that you or your members envisage in your countries. We are looking for all types of activities, including a poster, a seminar, a video on YouTube, a new project launch, free milk samples, etc. Should you also have details of activities from last year, feel free to send them in too.

How will you be celebrating World Milk Day? Let us know at communications@fil-idf.org

We'd like to hear from you before **6 May 2013**.

Should you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with IDF Head Office or your National Committee Secretary.

New IDF Head Office telephone and fax number

We are switching our general contact telephone and fax numbers. Please update your contacts accordingly:

New telephone number: +32 2 325 67 40

New fax number: +32 2 325 67 41

IDF videos uploaded to website

A series of videos have been uploaded to the IDF website, featuring interviews with IDF members and experts.

Topics covered include current Programme of Work items, the benefits of being an IDF member, and visions for the future.

The videos are available to view on the IDF website in the [Newsroom](#).

And on the IDF YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/FILIDFBE

Don't forget to subscribe to the YouTube channel to stay up to date with the latest videos!



IDF Key Messages

The final version of corporate messages about IDF and our working areas is now available. The aim being to disseminate consistent messages about IDF and our work.

Please make sure you include the most relevant messages each time you deliver a presentation about IDF!

They are available on the [Intranet](#) at: **Communications / Key messages**

Social Media

Connect with IDF and receive the latest updates as they happen across our various social media platforms.

[Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)

IDF PRIZE OF EXCELLENCE

Introducing the IDF Prize of Excellence

The IDF Board has inaugurated a new annual award, the IDF Prize of Excellence, to be given as a mark of recognition and appreciation for an outstanding piece of recent work carried out by an individual or group of individuals, who contribute as volunteers from among the family of experts of IDF, to our Programme of Work, following the five key concepts constituting “SWIFT” as a driver for the further development of IDF.

As Michael Hickey, Chair of the SPCC explains: “For many years the IDF Award has honoured persons who have contributed significantly to progress in the international dairy field. This prestigious and coveted award is based on an individual’s work over his or her career but not on the basis of their work for IDF.

Thus the Prize of Excellence compliments the existing award by recognising an individual or group of individuals, outstanding and recent contributions to the work of IDF. The award shall comprise of a certificate, together with an appropriate personal gift to each winner.”

Nominations must come from one of the recognized bodies of IDF: The IDF Board of Directors; a National Committee; the IDF Science and Programme Coordination Committee; an IDF Standing Committee (through its SPCC representative); IDF Task Force (through its SPCC representative).

The deadline for nominations to be received by the IDF Head Office shall be the 31st May each year. The nominations will be adjudicated by a panel consisting of the Chair of the IDF Science and Programme Coordination Committee, the Chair of the IDF Food Standards Steering Group, the Chair of the IDF Methods and Standards Steering Group, a nominee of the IDF Board and the Director General of IDF. The winner shall be announced and the award presented at the time of the World Dairy Summit each year.

IDF EVENTS

IDF/ISO Analytical Week 2013



The IDF/ISO Analytical Week 2013 will be taking place from 3-7 June 2013 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. **Early Bird registration will close on 3 May 2013.**

The topic of this year's symposium, which will take place on Wednesday 5 June 2013, is "**The Role of Standardization including case studies of trade issues.**" A number of high profile speakers will be in attendance, with Bernard Kuiten, Head of External Relations, World Trade Organization, acting as convener.

For full details about the programme, please visit the event [website](#).

IDF WORLD DAIRY SUMMIT 2013



Dairy Science and Technology Conference

Nutrition, palatability and biofunctionality are the basic functions of food, therefore it is necessary to take these into consideration when trying to increase the demand for dairy products. Numerous processes such as pasteurization, homogenization, concentration, drying, fermentation, ripening, and packaging are utilized in the production of dairy products prior to consumption. It is therefore meaningful to review the relationships between processing technology and the biofunctionality and palatability of dairy products.

The theme for this series of presentations is "biofunctionality and palatability of dairy products affected by processing technology." The presentations will be given in the three sessions. Session 1 will address biofunctionality of milk and dairy product in rediscovering its value and importance. Session 2 will emphasize novel evaluation technology and consumer preference regarding palatability. And Session 3 will focus on processing technology and product development aimed at enhancing biofunctionality and palatability. More than 100 posters already received on the category of dairy science and technology will be presented during the Summit. The participants will be welcomed to involve in active discussions.

The Dairy Science and Technology Conference will take place on October 30, 2013.

Dairy Science and Technology Conference Programme Organiser: Keiji Iwatsuki, Ph.D., Morinaga Milk Industry

Click here to register online: <http://www.wds2013.com/eng/registration.html>

Early Bird Registration deadline: 30 April 2013

Standard Registration deadline: 10 September 2013

You can also stay up to date with the latest Summit news via the [Facebook Page](#).

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Member Survey and strategic review

National Committee Secretaries recently received an IDF Member Survey. The aim of this survey is to better understand the structure, needs and expectations of IDF's National Committees, so as to provide optimal services to them. The results of this survey will help in determining IDF's strategy.

National Committee Secretaries are kindly requested to answer the questions on behalf of their NC. They are also encouraged to forward the survey link to key NC stakeholders to capture a variety of viewpoints. Your opinion is important to us. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

IDF Germany Open Day



*Nico van Belzen at the
IDF Germany Open Day*

IDF Germany hosted an Open Day on 13 March 2013 in Berlin. Around 50 participants discussed recent events and issues affecting the global dairy sector, preparations for forthcoming challenges and appropriate responses from the German dairy industry.

Topics included the dairy industry's role within the German and international economy, as well as the presentation of IDF Fact Sheets. New items and issues were generated as a result of the discussions, with IDF receiving valuable input from dairy industry representatives throughout the course of the day.

IDF Director General Nico van Belzen also gave a presentation on the relationship between nutrition and sustainability. One of the conclusions drawn from this presentation was that, ultimately, nutrition needs to be sustainable from not only the environmental but also the economical perspective, which for dairy is well documented by the IDF World Dairy Situation Report. With an expanding world population, only those foods that provide significant nutritional benefits within environmental and economical constraints will remain. Well into its second century, IDF will continue to provide global expertise in these areas to ensure a great future for the dairy sector.

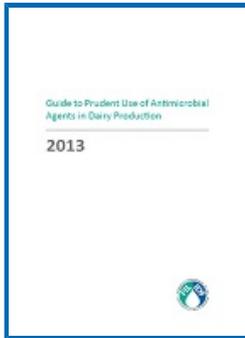
[Click here](#) to view a full report (in German) on the IDF Germany website.

IDF Factsheets translated into German - now available online

IDF Germany have translated all IDF factsheets into German. These translations are available to download from the IDF Germany website: <http://www.idf-germany.com/publikationen/idf-publikationen/>

IDF PUBLICATIONS

Guide to Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents in Dairy Production



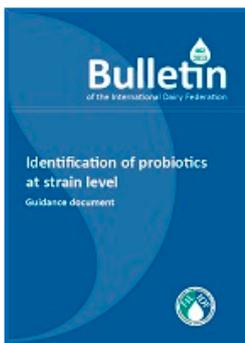
The Guide to Prudent Use of Antimicrobial Agents in Dairy Production was elaborated by a project group composed of experts, members of the IDF Standing Committees on Residues and Chemical Contaminants and Animal Health and Welfare as well as representatives of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

The objective of the guide is to promote prudent use of antimicrobial agents in dairy production. These practices must be based on science and take into account parameters which are relevant and essential to dairy farming.

53 pp - English only

Available free of charge - Date: 2013

Bulletin of the IDF N° 462/2013: Identification of probiotics at strain level – Guidance Document



Correct assignment of probiotic strains to species or sub-species is indispensable for evaluating the genetic background of the micro-organisms the probiotic properties are imbedded in. Strain identification, based on typing methods, is described. The methods, however, are limited to only allowing to demonstrate identity or non-identity of the strain in question with that of a given probiotic strain.

The authors emphasize the need for care in interpreting the results and the use of all available peripheral information in reaching a conclusion.

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