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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



Long ago as it may be, I still remember the joy of drinking milk at primary school.

In 1993 the IDF International Milk Promotion group provided the first overview of school milk programmes. Subsequent surveys became the basis of the 1998 FAO survey published in IDF Bulletin 341/1999. The latest published survey is in IDF Bulletin 480/2015.

World School Milk Day 2017 was celebrated all over the world. This year's Day was accentuated by simultaneous endorsements of the Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam by IDF member countries Canada, Chile and the USA. The signature in Chile was hosted by the FAO regional office, with the Chilean Minister of Agriculture and the FAO Regional Director being among the signatories. The event also featured a speech by a representative from the Chilean Ministry of Health, who noted that 75% of the foods distributed in 2016 by the Chilean national supplementary food program (PNAC) and Supplementary Adult Food Program (PACAM) were based on dairy. It was encouraging to see such excellent collaboration between the Ministries.

The Dairy Declaration roll out, school milk programmes and many other topics will be discussed in the IDF World Dairy Summit in Belfast later this month. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Dr. Nico van Belzen,  
IDF Director General*

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

IDF welcomes **Paraguay** in the membership of the Federation. Five new countries have signed the **Dairy Declaration**. Find an update of the annual meetings of the **Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance Partnership** and the **AOAC International**. IDF participated on the **Call to Action on AMR** to support the AMR work of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group.

While a final countdown has started for the **IDF World Dairy Summit 2017** in Belfast, registrations are now open for the 1<sup>st</sup> IDF Symposium **The Role of Dairy in Sustainable Diets**, 1-2 February 2018 in Seville, Spain. Learn more about the **IDF/ISO Analytical Week**, 23-27 April, Dublin and prepare your abstract to the **3rd FIL-IDF Symposium on Microstructure of Dairy Products** 3-6 June 2018 in Montreal.

We invite you to consult the latest **IDF Animal Health Report**.

## SIGNATURES OF THE DAIRY DECLARATION OF ROTTERDAM

Since our last Newsbrief, five new countries have signed the Dairy Declaration: US, South Korea, Chile, New Zealand, and Australia. An increasing number of countries are supporting the role of dairy towards meeting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals!



Chile: from left to right, Robert Cussen (President Consorcio Lechero) Carlos Furche (Minister of Agriculture of Chile), Eve Crowley (FAO Representative in Chile), Nico van Belzen (Director General of IDF)



US: from left to right, Shawna Morris (US IDF Deputy Chair) Cary Frye (US IDF Chair) and Aurélie Dubois (IDF)



*Australia: from left to right: Ian Halliday (Managing Director, Dairy Australia), Helen Dornom (Manager Sustainability including Food Safety & Integrity, Dairy Australia), Jeremy Hill (IDF), Peter Stahle (Executive Director, Australian Dairy Products Federation), Terry Richardson (Chair, Australian Dairy Industry Council)*



*Korea: The chair of IDF Korea, Chang-buhm, Lee and the IDF President, Judith Bryans*



*New Zealand: from left to right Kimberly Crewther (DCANZ), Jeremy Hill (IDF), Martyn Dunne (MPI), Tim Mackle (DairyNZ)*

## **IDF WELCOMES PARAGUAY AS NEW MEMBER**

IDF warmly welcomes Paraguay in the membership of the Federation.

The IDF National Committee resides at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.

The President of the IDF National Committee is His Excellency Mr. Juan Carlos Baruja Fernández, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock. The Secretary is H.E. Dr. Marcos Medina, Vice-Minister of Livestock.



## **LIVESTOCK ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE (LEAP) PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS**

### **LEAP Annual Meeting**

**Rome, IT, 21 September 2017**

The meeting showcased the significant achievements made by the project over the past year. In addition to reporting on the current status of guidelines on nutrients, water use assessment, soil carbon stock changes, and biodiversity, panellists and participants also addressed challenges and proposed ways to ensure that the many valuable guidance documents are put to good use in practice. To this end, an entire session on moving from tools to action focused on ensuring the applicability of LEAP guidance. The experiences of livestock farmers from Costa Rica, extension services from Uruguay, and feed industry advisers from Europe helped demonstrate the realities of translating environmental assessment guidelines into practical tools for environmental improvement in different contexts. More than 100 participants attended the Annual Meeting

### **The 19<sup>th</sup> LEAP Steering Committee Meeting**

**Rome, IT, 22 September 2017**

LEAP Steering Committee members recognized new partners from Brazil, Canada, Hungary and Uruguay and reviewed the progress of the four active Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) as well as the formation of the newest TAG on Feed Additives. Members emphasized the critical importance of road testing the guidelines to ensure they are useful from a practical perspective, as well as effectively communicating about LEAP's work.



*LEAP Annual Meeting in Rome*

## **IDF AT THE AOAC INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING**

**Atlanta, US, 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

IDF participated in several AOAC Stakeholders Panels, namely the Stakeholder Panel on Infant Formula and Adult Nutritionals (SPIFAN) and the Stakeholder Panel on Strategic Food Analytical Methods (SPSFAM).

IDF, ISO, and AOAC collaborate on standardization of methods of analysis for nutrients for infant formula and adult nutritionals. Current projects include determination of multi-trace elements and chloride. These methods have been granted final action in AOAC, and will be subject to voting within ISO and IDF by the end of the year before intended publication by mid-2018. These methods along with others for vitamin D and biotin will be submitted to Codex in November.

Other AOAC projects of interest for the dairy sector are:

- Determination of lactose in lactose-free or low lactose dairy products. IDF will co-chair this working group.
- Determination of total intact whey protein as percentage of total protein in powder infant formula. AOAC has granted final action status. Method and collaborative study are to be reviewed in IDF/ISO.
- AOAC has agreed on a Standard Method Performance Requirements for the determination of MPCD esters and glycidyl esters in infant formula.
- Determination of veterinary residues in milk and other matrices. IDF is a member of the AOAC working group.

## **WORLD SCHOOL MILK DAY 2017**

World School Milk Day was celebrated on the last Wednesday of September. This day fosters a better understanding of dairy products, including where they come from, how dairy products are made, their nutritional composition and how they fit into the overall diet. IDF has gathered a variety of worldwide initiatives from its members. Have a look at the [IDF Website!](#)



*World School Milk Day was celebrated in Nepal*

## 🔹 IDF PARTICIPATES ON THE CALL TO ACTION ON AMR

**Berlin, Germany, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October**

During the first global Call to Action on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) IDF showcased the actions done by the Task Force on AMR to promote the responsible use of antimicrobials and the guidance given from the dairy sector. These actions complement the already existing documents that encourage best managing practices on antimicrobial agents.

This session was an opportunity for the global community to gather and identify ongoing work and build greater consensus around the priorities and gaps in the global response.

These actions have been given to the UN Interagency Coordination Group (IACG) on AMR, an ad hoc United Nations group co-chaired by the UN Deputy Secretary General and the Director General of the World Health Organization, to further inform their work.

## 🔹 UPCOMING IDF EVENTS

**IDF World Dairy Summit 2017**  
**Belfast, UK, 29<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

The IDF WDS 2017 has something for everyone. Opening on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October with the **World Dairy Political/Agricultural Leaders Forum**, this brand new Forum will provide a platform for the political and agricultural leaders that will shape the sector's operating environment. This will be followed by the **World Dairy Leaders Forum** which will see senior company leaders discuss their vision for the sector's future. The IDF will then showcase its work in the **IDF Forum** in the afternoon.

From Tuesday to Thursday we shift focus to our parallel [conference streams](#), each session exploring various topics from Policy and Economics on Tuesday, to Emerging Topics on Thursday. The parallel conferences will include panel discussions with recognised sector leaders and delegates will be given ample opportunity to participate, contribute and shape the debate. While the Summit will officially close on Thursday, we have been very fortunate to work with some really engaging and interesting local operators and have a series of [Technical Tours](#) for you to attend on Friday.

Of course, no IDF World Dairy Summit would be complete without a diverse and entertaining [social programme](#). The Welcome Reception will take place in the multi-award winning Titanic Belfast on Sunday 29 October and the highlight in the evening crown, the Gala Dinner, will take place on Wednesday 1 November in the Belfast Waterfront.

IDF WORLD DAIRY SUMMIT 2017  
**Belfast**  
29 October to 3 November



## **The Role of Dairy in Sustainable Diets** Seville, Spain, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

The dairy sector plays a key role in ensuring food security, nutrition and sustainability for present and future generations. The International Dairy Federation (IDF) is bringing together the global dairy community to focus on “**The role of dairy in sustainable diets**” in Seville, Spain on 1-2 February 2018. The event will discuss the public perception of dairy, health benefits of dairy, public health nutrition, sustainable diets, mitigation of environmental and socioeconomic impact and adaptation to climate change.

The event is expected to attract at least 200 high-level representatives from dairy companies and other important stakeholders from all over the world. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet these dairy leaders and discuss the future of dairy.

The great city of Seville provides a magnificent backdrop to the conference. Its splendid architecture has been declared world heritage. Seville features important cultural and artistic legacy as well as gastronomic delights. Its excellent air and rail systems connect to a multitude of national and international destinations.

**Registration, programme and accommodation** available at: <https://www.fil-idf.org/idfevent2018/>



## **IDF/ISO Analytical Week 2018** Dublin, Ireland, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April

The Irish National Committee of IDF will host the week of business meetings where IDF and ISO members progress the joint work programme of ISO/IDF international standards and accompanying protocols.

A half-day Symposium on Wednesday 25 April will tackle harmonization of analytical methodologies in relation to global dairy trade addressing infrared technology, dairy protein and food authenticity.

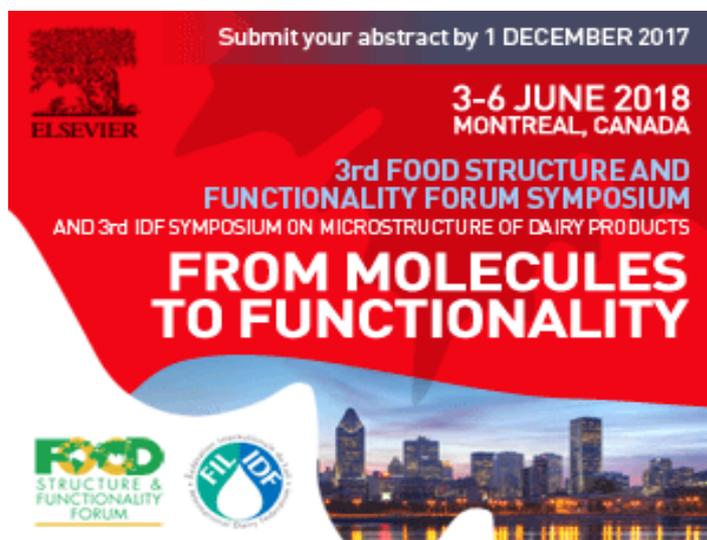
The symposium will be followed by a visit to state-of-the-art regulatory laboratories of the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine at Backweston, Dublin.

The week will be complemented by an exhibition of analytical suppliers.



**3rd FIL-IDF Symposium on Microstructure of Dairy Products**  
Montreal, Canada, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

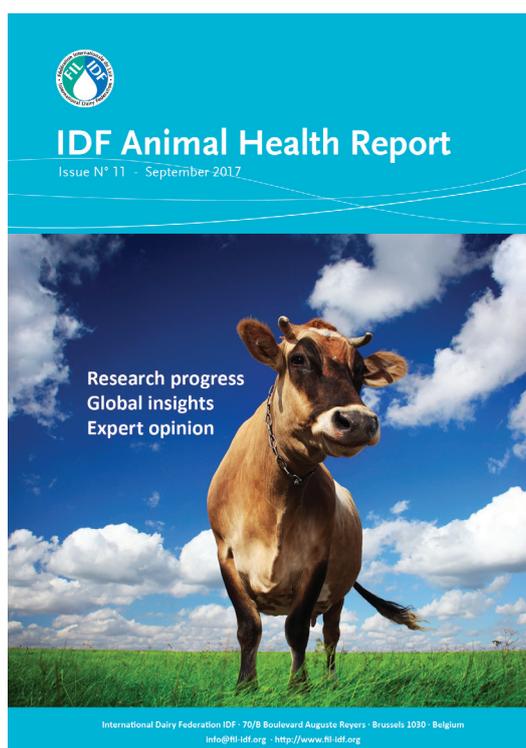
Summit your abstract for the [3rd Food Structure and Functionality Forum Symposium – from Molecules to Functionality](#) jointly organized by IDF and Elsevier.



**IDF PUBLICATIONS**

**11<sup>th</sup> Animal Health Report**

This publication addresses key issues affecting the dairy sector. The report is a worldwide journey through the field of animal health and welfare within dairy and provides insights on topics including **biosecurity**, **mastitis**, **antimicrobial resistance** and **animal care standards**.



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