IFMA’s 20th Congress
"Healthy Agriculture for a Healthy World"

Quebec city
Canada

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2015
International Farm Management Association (IFMA)

Mission

Founded in the early ’70s, the International Farm Management Association’s mission is to explore issues related to farm management and to encourage the exchange of knowledge and innovative strategies in this field, at a theoretical and practical level, throughout the world. This is achieved through International Farm Management Congresses, the International Journal of Agricultural Management, and various other means of communication, including the IFMA website, that encourages exchanges between members worldwide.

IFMA Congress Objectives

• Organize large-scale events where ideas, experiences and knowledge can be exchanged through presentations and demonstrations;
• Learn about the agriculture of the organizing country, including its structure and marketing;
• Stimulate contacts between farmers, teachers, advisors, consultants, researchers, policy and agribusiness decision makers at national and international levels.

Members

• Members come from over 50 countries and from all sectors: producers, managers, advisors, researchers, teachers, policy-makers, suppliers and representatives from agricultural organizations and agri-food companies;
• IFMA relies on a Board of Directors comprised of 17 men and women from all continents who are involved in the agricultural sector.

Previous Events

Congresses are held every other year and attract between 250 and 400 participants. The first IFM Congress was held in the United Kingdom in 1971. Responding to the concerns of the sector, the most recent editions of the Congress have allowed participants to increase their knowledge and to exchange information on current topics:

Poland 2013: Transforming agriculture – Between Policy, Science and the Consumer
New Zealand 2011: Thriving in a Global Market - Innovation, Co-operation and Leadership
United States 2009: Agriculture - Food, Fiber and Energy for the Future
Ireland 2007: A Vibrant Rural Economy - The Challenge for Balance
Brazil 2005: Developing Entrepreneurship Abilities to Feed the World in a Sustainable Way
Theme

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Organizers

Two leading Canadian organizations, both involved in information dissemination and event organization for the sharing and acquisition of knowledge in agriculture and agri-food, are joining forces to organize this event on behalf of IFMA.

Farm Management Canada is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to providing leading edge resources and information to enable Canadian farmers to make sound management decisions. FMC / GAC partners with industry stakeholders including governments, public and private sector organizations, and farm and commodity associations to promote and foster the development of excellence in Canada’s agricultural sector. For over 20 years, Farm Management Canada, has been offering the required tools, information and motivation to Canadian farm managers so that they may seize opportunities and face change with confidence.

The Centre de référence en agriculture et agroalimentaire du Québec (Reference center for agriculture and agri-food of Québec) is a wide network and a unique disseminator in Canada with over 800 experts who provide information to more than 5,000 professionals and managers, and approximately 15,000 agricultural and agri-food companies. For more than 10 years, it has gathered and disseminated knowledge as well as developed tools that contribute to the development of the farming and agri-food sector in Quebec. As corporate members, more than 40 organizations from the private, public and research sectors support CRAAQ’s mandates.

Venue: Québec City, Québec, Canada

The organizing committee is proud to have Université Laval as a partner and as the host venue for this event. Participants will be able to discover the campus of the largest francophone university in North America.
Presentations and call for papers

The conference will include plenary sessions given by invited guest speakers and contributed paper and poster presentations given by participants who have submitted papers. These presentations will be of general interest as they will include both scientific and/or practical management information. A call for papers will be sent out in spring 2014 and the organizing committee will announce the chosen papers in spring 2015.

The Congress will be in English with dual language translation where necessary.

Field Trips

During the Congress two days will be dedicated to visiting agricultural and agri-food sector companies and organizations. These visits represent an opportunity to meet farmers, managers, entreprenuers, advisors & researchers, and to discover organizations that have adopted the best business practices in their field.

Contacts

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For the 20th Congress Website go to www.ifma20.org, or for IFMA go to www.ifmaonline.org