

IDF Press Release



ISRAEL TO HOST IDF WORLD DAIRY SUMMIT 2014

In October 2014, the International Dairy Federation's (IDF) annual World Dairy Summit will take place in Tel Aviv. Around 1,500 participants from all over the world are expected at the David Intercontinental Hotel.

Brussels, 26 March 2014 - Leaders from the global dairy community, including the heads of IDF and Israel Dairy Board (IDB) as well as agricultural ministers from Israel and around the world, will gather together for the IDF World Dairy Summit in Tel Aviv from October 27-31, 2014.

This year Israel will host for the first time the annual IDF World Dairy Summit, widely regarded as the most important event of the year for the dairy industry. The Israel National Committee of IDF and the IDB will organize the Summit with the technical collaboration of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The theme of this year's Summit is "The Future Begins Here," and will focus on the industry's readiness in coping with the challenges of feeding the world's growing population.

"In an age of globalization, cooperation between companies and countries is key if we are to combat hunger in the world and meet the demand for food," said Shyke Drori, President of the Israel National Committee of IDF.

The Director-General of the FAO, José Graziano da Silva, together with the President of the IDF, Dr. Jeremy Hill, will join Drori and more than 1,500 other experts from all fields within the dairy sector, including ministers of agriculture, scientists, professors, veterinarians, processing companies, CEOs, and dairy farmers.

The innovative Summit program will have a special emphasis on large interdisciplinary sessions, which all participants are encouraged to attend. Each interdisciplinary session will focus on different aspects of increasing the efficiency of dairy production and how they

relate to the problems of food supply, including farm management, economics, animal health, genetics and environment.

Thereafter, participants will have the opportunity to attend one of several simultaneous panels on each of the issues raised in the interdisciplinary session. There will also be Poster Sessions in which participants will be encouraged to take an active role in sharing their expertise and ideas for promoting the world dairy industry in the future.

“The Israeli organizing committee is building an attractive and innovative program that promises to educate and challenge our thinking on the opportunities and issues faced by the dairy sector. It will be a fantastic opportunity to be exposed to both global and local perspectives, further your knowledge and expand your network,” said Dr. Hill.

Technical tours and workshops on dairy farming will take place before and after the summit.

For more information please visit: www.idfwds2014.com

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