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## PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL ESSENTIAL TO ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

Brussels, 13 July 2007- In addressing the important issue of management and control of infectious and production diseases in dairying, the International Dairy Federation<sup>1</sup> stresses its concern both for animal health and animal welfare in milk production.

The IDF has published "**Animal health: management and control of infectious and production diseases**"<sup>2</sup>, a research bulletin that reveals current scientific thinking on how to improve the health and welfare conditions for dairy cattle by investigating the causes and impact of infectious and production diseases and recommending strategies for prevention, management and control.

IDF Director General, Christian Robert said: "The industry is working closely with veterinarians and scientists to improve animal health and well-being of milking animals in order to ensure the safety and wholesomeness of milk as well as consumer perception and confidence in dairy products. Promising results of recently completed research projects, including well-documented case studies, are presented in the latest IDF publication stressing the importance of benchmarking, surveillance and education."

"Education of all involved in the care of the cow will result in a real improvement in lameness reduction. Lameness control has to be approached in much the same way as has been undertaken by many countries for mastitis. Firstly, we need to be fully informed about lameness through adequate research and secondly, ensure that the people on the ground dealing with the problem at first hand are adequately informed through well-targeted up to date technology transfer", explained Christer Bergsten and David Logue, IDF experts.

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<sup>1</sup> *Founded in 1903, The International Dairy Federation represents the dairy sector worldwide by providing the best global source of scientific expertise and knowledge in support of the development and promotion of quality milk and dairy products to deliver consumers with nutrition, health and well-being. To find out more please visit <http://www.fil-idf.org>*

<sup>2</sup> *"Animal health: management and control of infectious and production diseases" is the new Bulletin of IDF n°416/2007. It can be ordered in electronic form via the IDF website at <http://www.fil-idf.org>*