IDF EXPLORES NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-COW MILK PRODUCTION

Brussels, 26 March2015 - Over 130 experts from 16 countries gathered in Limassol, Cyprus this week for the International Dairy Federation's IDF 7th International Symposium on Sheep, Goat and other non-Cow Milk to discuss the latest developments in goat, sheep and other non-cow milk sectors.

Speakers presented state-of-the-art research on a wide range of topics including husbandry and milk production, technology, chemistry, physics, microbiology and nutrition. They also highlighted innovation in technology for dairy products processing or nutritional aspects of non-cow milk.

One of the many top quality presentations focused on the treatment of non-bovine milk with novel technologies and how these findings can be translated into commercially-relevant applications. Dr Thom Huppertz, Principal Scientist Dairy and Ingredient Technology at NIZO food research stressed that *"Novel technologies like high-pressure processing or treatment of milk with pulsed electric fields or novel enzymes offer great opportunities for the non-bovine dairy sector. Such innovations can enable retention of desirable biological activities that would be lost during thermal processing or creation of novel structures. It is crucial for the success of such applications that the leading aim is benefit to the product rather than development of a specific technology."*

Milena Corredig, IDF expert, member of the Standing Committee of Dairy Science and Technology, present at the event said "Through Symposia such as these, participants can get a snapshot into the state of contemporary dairy science and gain insight into what will be the trends and challenges of the future. It's also good to grow our interest and understanding for non-cow milk and demonstrate the variety of products that the dairy industry offers throughout the world."

"IDF is dedicated to promoting leading edge scientific research for the dairy sector. The IDF National Committee of Cyprus in collaboration with the Cyprus University of Technology and Dr Photis Papademas, *Chair of the organizing and Scientific Committees in particular organized a fantastic event. This was a great opportunity to exchange and learn about new ideas and information on non-cow milk production in order to identify the challenges ahead and the means to address issues through international collaboration."* commented Dr Nico van Belzen, IDF Director General.

"Non-cow milk production is growing constantly. We're committed to support the further development of this sector in an effort to improve a diverse and sustainable dairy industry and deliver nutritional and healthy products to consumers all over the world."

The next major IDF event will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania, 20-24 September. The IDF World Dairy Summit will showcase the industry's accomplishments and upcoming projects under the theme "Closing the Nutritional Gap with Sustainable Dairy". For more information, visit www.idfwds2015.com

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Note to editors

The IDF International Symposium on Goat, Sheep and other non-cow milk was organized by the IDF National Committee of Cyprus, under the auspices of the Cyprus University of Technology and the International Dairy Federation. For more information of the symposium, the presentations, the speakers, please visit http://www.idfsheepandgoat.org/

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