



Scientific expertise for the dairy sector worldwide

JEREMY HILL ELECTED NEW IDF PRESIDENT

Cape Town, South Africa, 5 November 2012 - Dr. Jeremy Hill was elected President of the International Dairy Federation at its General Assembly during the IDF World Dairy Summit, 4-8 November 2012. He will lead the Federation in that capacity starting on 9 November 2012 and will replace Mr. Richard Doyle, who completes his four-year term.



Dr. Jeremy Hill, Director Research, Science, Technology and Development, Fonterra Co-operative Group, has been involved in the work of the Federation for over two decades. Jeremy has significant experience in the management of large infrastructure and organizations and in the management of international dispersed teams.

In his first address, Dr. Jeremy Hill outlined upcoming challenges for our Federation. He recognized that maintaining the membership and global representation is key. Challenges within the dairy sector such as globalization of our industry and cross border trade, consolidation, major changes in global demand and volatility will also have to be tackled. He also stressed other general challenges such as nutrition, food safety, food security, and analytical methods.

He shared his views on how to address some of these challenges with the attending member countries. While he fully reconfirmed his support to the mission of IDF, he also mentioned that IDF has to adapt to meet these challenges. "Process has already started with the introduction of the SWIFT vision (**S**peed, **W**orldwide visibility, **I**mpact, **F**ocus and **T**ransparency) in our way of working. It ensures that the organization continues to deliver timely outcomes that meet expectations and the changing needs of IDF membership. We must make good use of our strengths, evolving to a more dynamic and flexible organization. We must value the power of partnerships and engage with strategic stakeholders, ensure financial viability and enhance communications efforts if we want to guarantee success in the future."

Speaking after his election, Dr. Hill thanked his predecessor, four-term President, Mr. Richard Doyle for the great job he has done in leading the organization to address issues of significant value to the sector along the entire dairy value chain.

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Note to editors

1. The International Dairy Federation is the leading source of scientific and technical expertise for all stakeholders of the dairy chain. IDF is committed to furthering current knowledge and science on a wide range of issues by triggering state-of-the-art projects across the dairy chain. Areas of work include sustainable development, nutrition, methods of analysis, farm management, hygiene and safety, and many more. For more information, www.fil-idf.org.

2. The World Dairy Summit is IDF's main event, where world renowned experts, scientists, and decision makers in the dairy sector convey to cover a global agenda on issues related to dairy and its covering sector, and the scientific and technological advances in the field. For more information and for daily news during the event, please visit www.wds2012.com

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