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## **4th INTERNATIONAL MILK GENOMICS & HUMAN HEALTH SYMPOSIUM SPEAKER PROGRAM ANNOUNCED**

Brussels, 6 August 2007 - The speaker program for the 4th International Symposium on Milk Genomics & Human Health, to be held November 7-9 at the COPIA Center for Wine, Food & the Arts in Napa, California has been released.

This two-and-a-half-day event, organized by the California Dairy Research Foundation (CDRF) and sponsored by IDF and other partners, will gather international experts in nutrition, genomics, bioinformatics and milk to address the status of milk-specific genomic research. Members of the International Milk Genomics Consortium (IMGC) also will meet to set future agendas for the group.

Day one sessions will focus on presentations of recent research breakthroughs in the areas of evolutionary genetics; bioinformatics, tools and applications; the bovine genome; and genetic diversity in milk and lactation.

Day two will focus on the activities of milk and genomics centers from around the world with the goal to increase coordination among researchers. Topics include the targets of milk bioactives; mammary epithelia and milk production; the milk fat globule proteome; and bacteria the other consumers of milk.

The Symposium will wrap up with highlights from researchers throughout the world followed by an in-depth discussion of the International Milk Genomics Consortium, including knowledge management tools developed for the Consortium, led by Matthew Lange and Danielle Lemay of UC Davis and the IMGC Web Portal Group.

For registration information, visit [www.milkgenomics.org](http://www.milkgenomics.org) or register online at [www.acteva.com/go/cdrf](http://www.acteva.com/go/cdrf).

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### *About IDF*

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>

### *About the IMGC*

The International Milk Genomics Consortium is a partnership of companies and academic organizations with the goals of leveraging existing resources for the assembly of genetic instructions for milk molecules, linking the scientific community for better understanding of the biological values of milk, creating tools for an interactive, web data exchange, coordination of pre-competitive research to develop baseline data, and



providing a  
foundation for the development of exclusive/competitive research.  
For more information, visit [www.imgconsortium.org](http://www.imgconsortium.org)

### *About the CDRF*

The California Dairy Research Foundation is a non-profit corporation that manages the research activities of the California dairy industry in the areas of basic and applied dairy product research, nutrition and health, and dairy confidence. For information about the CDRF and the research it supports, visit [www.cdrf.org](http://www.cdrf.org)