



THE IDF WORLD DAIRY SUMMIT 2009 WEBSITE GOES ONLINE!

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Brussels, 12 September 2008 - The German National Committee of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) has announced a series of stimulating conferences covering a wide range of interests at the IDF World Dairy Summit to be held in Berlin, Germany, from 20 to 24 September 2009.

World markets for agricultural commodities and market globalization rapidly change, with dramatic repercussions on supply and demand in the dairy industry. Focus of the Summit will therefore be placed on the presentation and development of forward-looking solutions related to nutrition, sustainability and environment, animal health/welfare, and food safety as well as to technological innovation in milk supply and dairy processing, taking the whole of the dairy food chain into account. A panel discussion between the world's top dairy leaders will outline a vision and path for dairying in the 21st century.

Berlin has become the capital of a united Germany. In the past 20 years that have followed the German Reunification and the opening of Central Europe's borders, Berlin is one of the most dynamic economic and cultural centers in the heart of Europe.

The Summit offers the perfect setting for networking; professionals and experts in their respective fields will come together to explore new ways of collaboration with the objective of increasing the value of milk and milk products and dairy ingredients, and to advance knowledge in order to meet today's and tomorrow's consumer needs.

The IDF World Dairy Summit 2009 will comprise a large exhibition for presenting and promoting dairy products, ingredients, equipment and latest technological solutions contributing to the sector's development.

"The annual World Dairy Summit is the optimal platform of the international dairy community for presentation of latest knowledge and insights, for exchanging experiences and decision making. It is unique in terms of boosting the development of scientific-technical cooperation worldwide, as well as in linking academic research with industrial developments and applications. I invite everyone who has an interest in dairying to join us and to be part of the debate about promising challenges and opportunities that our dynamic sector is faced with.", commented Christian Robert, IDF Director General.

Visit the IDF World Dairy Summit 2009 website at <http://www.wds2009.com>
Up-to-date, accurate, easy-to-access and useful information will be available.

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Note to editors:

- Programme and detailed information on the IDF World Dairy Summit 2009 is available at <http://www.wds2009.com>
- The International Dairy Federation is the pre-eminent source of scientific and technical expertise for all stakeholders in the dairy chain.
- Membership covers 53 countries and is growing: IDF accounts for about **82%** of the world's total milk production. For more information, visit <http://www.fil-idf.org>