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Message from the Director General

Promoting IDF services and added value to the benefit of all stakeholders



The recent launch of the brand new online dairy laboratories database is a good example of IDF commitment to develop new services and provide additional value to the dairy sector. Another key achievement is the recent publication of the proceedings of the symposium 'Scientific Update on Dairy Fats and Cardiovascular Disease', demonstrating how IDF promotes scientific dialogue and research to support wholesome nutrition.

In many IDF countries around the globe, there are numerous examples of success stories, promotional materials, dairy awards, key data, new trends, best practices, professional and creative initiatives to support the profitable and sustainable development of dairying, of which the international dairy community is not always aware. It is our aim that such examples of added value be recognized and made available more widely to IDF's membership, by being communicated via IDF's electronic network and web applications.

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IDF Programme of Work

Work progress in the area of Food Additives

The Standing Committee on Food Additives (SCFA) met on 19 January in Brussels (BE) to prepare the forthcoming meeting of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) in Shanghai, China, 16-20 March 2009.

Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)

The SCFA will reiterate the comments previously made that have not been taken into account in the final report from the Codex electronic Working Group and submit additional requests and justifications to maintain some food additives provisions in certain dairy food categories.

Comparison and Technological Accuracy Papers on Food Additives in Codex Dairy Standards

Almost all the spreadsheets comparing the food additives provisions between the Codex General Standard for Food Additives and the food additives section of the Codex cheese standards have been updated in accordance with an improved template.

The Action Team will now review the comparison documents and summarize the inconsistencies in one document for SCFA. Communication with the appropriate Codex committees (Food additives, and milk and milk products) will be investigated.

CCFA eWG on Guidelines and Principles for Substances used as Processing aids

The previous IDF comments were partially taken into account in the final draft proposed by the Codex electronic Working Group. The SCFA reviewed the document and proposed additional comments.

Food Additives in Codex standards for milk and milk products

The replies to the IDF questionnaire 1108 on Food additives have been compiled, and studied at length by the SCFA. IDF will submit comments to CCFA on the level of use of lycopenes in Fermented Milks: "The typical level of use of lycopenes for Fermented Milks in the international dairy industry is 150 mg/kg or less."

The SCFA agreed that none of the food additives (guaiac acid, INS 314, Allura red, INS 129, Indigotine, INS 132, Sunset yellow, INS 110) will need to be retained in the food categories 2.2.1 - Butter and 2.2.2 - Fat spreads, dairy fat spreads and blended spreads.

There will be no comments from IDF on the levels of paprika extract and paprika oleoresin. Due to incomplete information submitted by the additives producers, new information will be submitted to JECFA, and will be considered at the next CCFA.

IDF-hosted Food Additive Program at Upcoming WDS or separate Program

The IDF Head Office will consult future IDF World Dairy Summit organizers willing to integrate a presentation or small workshop. The content could then be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting

The SCFA will meet during the IDF World Dairy Summit 2009, 20-24 September 2009.

Contact: [Don Snyder](#) (CA), chair of the SCFA or [Aurélie Dubois](#), IDF Standards Officer

Work progress in the area of Food Labelling and Terminology

At the meeting of SCFLT on 19 January 2009, members agreed that SCFLT's current top priority is monitoring and organizing active IDF participation at the Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) with regard to three action items related to the Codex implementation of the WHO Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health: food labelling issues. These items are dealt with in three respective electronic Working Groups (eWGs).

Revision of the Codex Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling concerning the list of nutrients that are always declared on a voluntary or mandatory basis and mandatory nutrition labelling

IDF is still expecting the proposed discussion paper from the Chair of an electronic working group. An Action Team will develop the IDF position in a first draft prior to circulation to the entire membership of SCFLT for review, comment or endorsement.

Development of criteria/principles for legibility and readability of nutrition labels

The meeting concluded that additional criteria and principles for legibility and readability of nutrition labels were not needed and desired from the perspective of the dairy sector. IDF should not support the current Codex discussion proposal. Nevertheless, IDF will clarify that the Codex eWG should not contain any reference to the content of nutrition labels. All members of SCFLT have been invited to comment prior to finalization and submission of the IDF position to Codex.

Labelling provisions dealing with the food ingredients identified in the WHO Global Strategy

IDF had received a proposal of the Chair of the CCFL eWG on which an Action Team comprised of SCFLT and SCNH members had drafted an IDF position. The final IDF submission to Codex is meanwhile available from the IDF Intranet.

Codex Definition of Dietary Fibre in Codex Guidelines for the Use of Nutrition and Health Claims

IDF will put forward a Conference Room Document to CCFL when this item is reported on as a matter referred from CCFNSDU, prior to consideration by the Codex Commission for final endorsement in June/July 2009. IDF National Committees were asked to solicit national government support in order to trigger Codex member country comments at the next session of CAC regarding opening of the footnote of the definition, i.e. to remove the number of monomeric units in order to include indigestible disaccharides (DP of 2), which can also be regarded as dietary fibres. The current proposed footnote leaves the decision on whether to include carbohydrates from 3 to 9 monomeric units in the definition to national authorities.

CCFL Discussion Paper on Modified Standardized Common Names

The meeting agreed that IDF should not support this initiative as such.

Revision of the Codex class titles (functional classes) and International Numbering System for food additives

The meeting considered a Comparison of Food Additive Categories in Codex Food Additive and Food Labelling Standards and agreed that the labeling text (GSLPF) should be aligned while packaging and propellant gas should be separated. A CRD could be offered from IDF if requested by the CCFL Chair.

Next meeting

The SCFLT will meet prior to the IDF World Dairy Summit in Berlin in September 2009.

Contact: [Joerg Seifert](#), IDF Technical Director

Work progress in the area of Standards of Identity

Proposed Draft Standard for Processed Cheese

The draft standard presented at the last CCMMP has been returned to step 2. A new Codex working group has been set up co-chaired by the delegation of France and New Zealand.

As technical adviser, IDF help was requested to clarify the use of the permitted ingredients: gelatine and starch, stabilizers, and the end product composition. IDF provided comments to the Codex working group leader.

Proposed Draft Amendment to the Codex Standard on Fermented Milk pertaining to Composite Fermented Milk Drinks

The figure of [40] % (m/m) in the Codex Standard for Fermented Milks remains in brackets and will be subject to discussion at the next session of CCMMP (in 2010).

Election of Chair

Deborah van Dyk (US) was elected Chair at the meeting of the SCSI, 9 November 2008, Mexico City (MX) and Dominique Burel (FR) remains as deputy chair since she was elected in Dublin, September 2007.

Next meeting

During the IDF World Dairy Summit 2009, in Berlin, Germany, 20-24 September.

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Work progress in the area of Dairy Science and Technology

Review of objectives and current priorities of the SCDST

At its last meeting on 11 November 2008 in Mexico City, the SCDST decided that the priorities of the SC should be topics on dairy technology of current concerns rather than organizing events only.

The role of the SCDST is to

- organize successful events,
- have brainstorming sessions on key topics,
- be proactive in problematic areas, and
- provide help to IDF committees.

A brainstorming session will be organized at the next meeting of the SC on Dairy Science and Technology and an area of work in non-thermal processes will be established.

Update on events related to Dairy Science and Technology

IDF/INRA First International Symposium on Minerals and Dairy Products, Saint-Malo (FR), 1-3 October 2008

Powerpoint presentations will be uploaded on the event website (<https://colloque.inra.fr/mdp2008>) and on the IDF intranet. The papers will be published in the journal "Dairy Science and Technology".

A second international symposium on minerals and dairy products with a more developed session on nutrition and health is being considered. Proposals should be sent to the IDF Head Office for communication to SCDST and SCNH.

Fourth IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week, 20-24 April 2009, Rennes, Brittany, France

The programme, online registration, online hotel booking and general information are available: <http://www.fil-idf-dstw2009.com/en.html>. Proceedings will be published in the journal “Dairy Science and technology” prior to the event.

The early registration bird deadline is **15 February 2009**.

IDF World Dairy Summit 2009, Berlin (DE), Dairy Science and Technology conference on 24 September 2009

The programme is already online the website (www.wds2009.com).

IDF Symposia on Science and Technology of Fermented Milk and Microstructure of Dairy Products, 07-11 June 2010, Tromsø, Norway

The website of the events is available <http://www.idffer2010.no>. The events will be combined under the title of IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week 2010. The papers will be published in the International Dairy Journal.

6th IDF International Symposium on Sheep and Goats Milk - Science, Technology, Production and Nutrition, Athens (GR), first half of year 2011

SCDST members are invited to propose speakers for this event. Please send your suggestions to [C. Kehagias](mailto:C.Kehagias) (GR). There is a possibility to publish the papers in the International Dairy Journal.

IDF International Symposium on Cheese Ripening and Technology, Madison, Wisconsin (US), early April 2012

The event will be under the title of IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week 2012.

IDF World Dairy Summit Auckland (NZ), 4-11 November 2010 – dairy science and technology conference

Emphasis will be given to speakers from industry and academics. It was suggested to link the programme of the Nutrition conference with the one of the Dairy Science and Technology conference, maybe within the technology programme.

Next IDF International Symposium on Recombination in 2010 or 2011

In order to guarantee the success of the event, the IDF Head Office will investigate if it could be jointly organized by an experienced country in organizing IDF events such as Australia or United States, and a south East Asia country (venue of the event). The symposium could be placed under the umbrella of the Dairy Science and Technology Week 2011.

IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week 2011

The SCDST members agreed not have the IDF Dairy Science and technology Week 2011 in India, because the IDF World Dairy Summit 2010 will only be held 3 month before.

SCDST would welcome a new proposal from India for another event in the future, and invite India to appoint experts in the SCDST to propose an event in a timely manner.

IDF Symposium on Non-thermal processes - Australia

This topic was raised last year as an emerging area for the dairy sector.

An Action Team will develop the topic and present the result of their work as an event of its own or as part of an existing event.

Next meetings

During the Fourth IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week, 20-24 April 2009, Rennes, Brittany (FR), and during the IDF World Dairy Summit Berlin (DE), 20-24 September 2009.

Contact: [Aurélie Dubois](#), IDF Standards Officer

Work progress in the area of Marketing

IDF Marketing Awards

Following the success of the IDF Marketing Awards program in the fields of marketing communications, product development and innovation, it was resolved to expand the awards to include communications in environmental issues. The success of this awards program is dependent on sponsorship support and the SCM gratefully acknowledged the generous support last year from Rabobank. The committee also acknowledged the significant contribution by Dr Mike Johnston (GB) who lead the working group that developed this program and who coordinated the judging and presentation processes since inception.

Communications

Participation in the work of the IDF Task Force on Communications has been a priority for the SCM and it was agreed to continue to offer expert advice to assist the implementation of IDF initiatives in this important area. It was emphasised that resourcing at IDF will be a critical factor for success and some NC's will need assistance in the dissemination of information in their home markets.

Promotion

An area of particular interest to the SCM is the promotion or advancement of generic marketing activity in the stimulation of demand in future weak global dairy markets. It was resolved to request the IDF Board to consider creating budget support to provide human resources for the expansion of IDF communications programs.

Codex

The SCM acknowledged the excellent work of the SCFLT in influencing the Codex determinations regarding development of standards for labelling and advertising of pre-packaged foods and the implications for nutrition and health claims. It was resolved to continue this valuable cooperation to assist develop strategies to defend and promote positive communications on the health and nutritional benefits of dairy. In this regard the SCM also endorsed recommendations from the AT on Nutrmarketing to progress a financially supported communications program on the positive messages for dairy foods and the concept of nutrient richness.

Issue Management

Issue and crisis management is a standing item on the SCM agenda and at the meeting members provided overviews on the responses in their respective markets to the recent melamine in baby food crisis in China. IDF should provide advice to China on potential communication initiatives that could be taken to restore consumer confidence in the Chinese dairy industry.

Marketing conferences

With the continuing success of the Marketing Conferences held at IDF WDS's it was resolved to develop conference programs for the WDS's to be held in Berlin and Auckland in 2009 and 2010 respectively. Conference organising committees for these two events were established and planning commenced coordinating with the relevant NC's.

Contact: [George Davey](#) (AU), Chair of Standing Committee Marketing

Work progress in the area of Dairy Policies and Economics

Elections

Robert Yonkers (US) was elected chair, and Eckart Heuser (DE) was elected deputy chair for two-year terms.

World dairy situation

Following nearly two years of unprecedented high farm milk and world dairy product prices, prices declined in recent months due to a combination of strong supply growth and weakening demand. Global milk production is expected to continue to grow beyond 2008, but most regions of the world face poor general economic conditions.

The 15 country reports compiled revealed some common themes as the negative impact of higher farm input costs (feed and energy) in recent months on dairy farm profitability and concerns about the broader world impact of the recent melamine scandal in China. In addition, dairy markets are looking to the outcome of the CAP Health Check in the EU and continued efforts to conclude the Doha Development Agenda in the WTO.

Next meeting

The committee will meet in Chicago, Illinois (US) on 28-29 April 2009, with the program to include a workshop on dairy price risk management, a visit to the CME Group dairy market trading floor and a visit to a large US dairy farm in addition to a committee business meeting.

Contact: [Robert Yonkers](#) (US), Chair of the Standing Committee on Dairy Policies and Economics

Relations with International Organizations

Progress report on Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products- Physical Working Group on Processed Cheese – Brussels, 20-22 January 2009

The Physical Working Group on Processed Cheese of the Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products met in Brussels, Belgium, 20-22 January 2009, with the mandate to provide a simplified revision of the standard on Processed Cheese, returned to step two at the last Codex Commission session.

Four issues were the focus of the discussion:

- The use of stabilizers, gelatine and starch as permitted ingredients
- the minimum cheese content
- the food additives section – stabilizers
- the difference between processed cheese and processed cheese preparations

IDF had provided technical input on the use of stabilizers and certain stabilising ingredients in Processed Cheese Products in advance of the meeting at the request of the co-chairs in order to help the delegates. This input was the subject of many favourable comments by many delegations and was regularly referred to throughout the meeting. The delegation of Australia had provided a summary of the Codex questionnaire on Processed Cheese, which was also used in the discussions.

Notwithstanding lengthy and constructive discussions on the above issues and the efforts of the co-chairs to reach agreed conclusions, the meeting failed to reach sufficient consensus in the time available, though some progress was made on some of the points of contention. The co-chairs concluded therefore that the working group could not get to an improved revised version of the standard at this time, and decided to report to the CCMMP that the working group was not able to develop an agreed text.

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IDF Communications

The IDF Dairy Laboratories Database is now online!

The International Dairy Federation offers a new service to find the dairy laboratory matching your specific needs, which is accessible through the IDF website or directly at <http://www.idfdairylaboratories.org>



All dairy laboratories are welcome to apply to appear in the IDF Dairy Laboratories Database.

Please share this link with possibly interested colleagues.

The IDF Head Office wishes to thank the experts that were involved in this project, and particularly Mr Olivier Leray (France, Actilait), and the members of the current and past MSSG for making this project possible.

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IDF Events

IDF/DIAA Functional Dairy Foods

24-25 February 2009, Melbourne, Australia



The final program of this important international conference includes representatives from much of the world's dairy industry and major R&D suppliers coming to Melbourne at the end of February. In addition, there are also delegates from the nutraceutical/pharmaceutical industries and a good number of delegates from China. Some of the poster presentations have come from countries such as Mongolia, Bangladesh and some Middle-East and South American countries, which is an indication that the conference topic is clearly of worldwide interest.

Papers of all oral presentations have been reviewed and are accepted for publication by the Australian Journal of Dairy Technology. Completed Proceedings of some 160 journal pages will be in the satchels of all delegates on day 1 of the conference. This special issue, co-branded with the IDF logo, will be a valuable resource for many years to come.

See you in Melbourne next month! All documents and registration details are available on-line via the DIAA website at: <http://www.diaa.asn.au>

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List of upcoming events

- **IDF/DIAA Conference on Functional Dairy Foods,**
24-25 February 2009, Melbourne, Australia
- **Fourth IDF Dairy Science and Technology Week,**
20-24 April 2009, Rennes, France
- **IDF/ISO Analytical Week,**
18-22 May 2009, Sochi, Russia
- **IDF World Dairy Summit 2009,**
20-24 September 2009, Berlin, Germany
- **5th IDF International Conference on Mastitis,**
21-24 March 2010, Christchurch, New Zealand
- **IDF/ISO Analytical Week,**
17-21 May 2010, Canada
- **IDF Symposia on Science and Technology of Fermented Milk,**
7-9 June 2010, Tromsø, Norway
- **IDF Symposia on Microstructure of Dairy Products,**
9-11 June 2010, Tromsø, Norway
- **IDF World Dairy Summit 2010,**
4-11 November 2010, Auckland, New Zealand
- **IDF International Symposium on Sheep and Goats Milk,**
16-18 May 2011, Athens, Greece
- **IDF World Dairy Summit 2011,**
2011, Italy
- **IDF International Symposium on Cheese Ripening and Technology,**
April 2012, Madison, Wisconsin, USA
- **IDF World Dairy Summit 2012,**
2012, South Africa

View all IDF Events at:

<http://www.fil-idf.org/EventsCalendar.htm>

IDF Publications

Proceedings of the Symposium 'Scientific Update on Dairy Fats and Cardiovascular Disease'

The proceedings of the symposium 'Scientific Update on Dairy Fats and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)' held in June 2008 have been published as a supplement to the December issue of the Journal of the American College of Nutrition (JACN, Vol 27, No. 6, 720S-754S, 2008). Over 50 internationally recognized experts in dietary fats and human health participated to review the available scientific evidence relating dairy products and milk fat to CVD risk.

The symposium was hosted by the University of Reading (UK) and organized and facilitated by the IDF Standing Committee on Nutrition and Health (SCNH) thanks to the kind contribution of the IDF National Committees and sponsorship of the Global Dairy Platform.

The information in this supplement highlights that despite the contribution of dairy products to the saturated fatty acid composition of the diet there is no clear evidence that dairy food consumption is consistently associated with a higher risk of CVD. Given the diversity of available dairy foods of widely differing composition and their contribution to nutrient intake within the population, recommendations to reduce dairy food consumption irrespective of the nature of the dairy product should be made with caution.

Additional information can be found in the summary report of the symposium which has been accepted for publication in the European Journal of Nutrition.

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Joint IDF-ISO Standards

The following standard is now also available in French

ISO 707|IDF 050:2008 - Milk and milk products - Guidance on sampling

This standard gives guidance on methods of sampling milk and milk products for microbiological, chemical, physical and sensory analysis, except for (semi)automated sampling.

Pages: 40 - Price: 87,43 Euro - Date: 2008.

A corrected version of the following standard is now available in English and French

ISO 3433|IDF 222:2008 - Cheese - Determination of fat content - Van Gulik method

This standard specifies the Van Gulik method for the determination of the fat content, as a mass fraction, of cheese.

This method is applicable to all types of cheese. However, it may not give completely satisfactory results when applied to cheeses with an internal mould (blue-veined cheeses).

Pages: 8 - Price: 37,09 Euro - Date: 2008.

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The International Dairy Federation is the pre-eminent source of scientific and technical expertise for all stakeholders in the dairy chain. Membership covers 56 countries and is growing; IDF accounts for about 85% of the world's total milk production. IDF aims to identify and disseminate best practice at the international level, in order to guide and harmonise members' work on issues including climate change, nutrition and food hygiene at the national level.

The scientific expertise for the dairy sector worldwide