



International Dairy Federation

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Changes to the IDF Constitution approved

The revision of the official Constitution of IDF, the main item on the agenda of the Extraordinary Assembly of the IDF on 21 June 2007, has been approved. The purpose of the revision was to adapt the Constitution to the structure of a more efficient, flexible, and dynamic Federation with a clear focus on established priorities of importance to the global dairy sector.

A review of the Rules of Order is also taking place with the aim of increasing efficiency, transparency and speed of work. Comments from all National Committees are invited by end of July 2007. A proposal will be presented at the next General Assembly at the IDF World Dairy Summit in Dublin.

Smooth transition from existing to new IDF bodies

In order to have some continuity between the current Management Committee and the Programme Coordination Committee and the future Board of Directors and the Science and Programme Coordination Committee that will replace these bodies under the terms of the new Constitution, it was approved that part of the current membership of both Committees will remain unchanged for one year. The rest of the membership will be elected.

National committees will receive a circular inviting them to submit nominations for candidates with a deadline of 15 August 2007.

Reporting on strategic work progress

1. Task Force on Constitutional changes:

The Task Force has successfully completed its work with the adoption of the revised Constitution.

2. Task Force on Communications:

The mission of the Task Force is two-fold:

- Optimizing the existing tools and materials;
- Reviewing the communications strategy and structure to make it a valuable asset to promote the achievements, benefits and value of the dairy sector.

The scope is ambitious given the different levels of resource available at the level of National Committees and the various national market conditions, challenges and priorities that make the exercise even more complex.

3. Task Force on membership:

A new fee structure and new member categories, aiming at improving IDF geographic coverage and resources, are being discussed and investigated by the Task Force members.

4. Task Force on GDP:

The Task Force is aiming at defining opportunities for collaboration with this new initiative by proposing collaboration procedures to accelerate research work.

The Task Force is also seeking to maximize benefits to all IDF members and has identified issues and concerns at stake in order to provide National Committees with optimal and comprehensive information.

An in-depth report on the status of implementation of the Strategic Review will be presented at the IDF World Dairy Summit in Dublin.

Membership outlook: Philippines will join IDF at the next General Assembly

The Philippines will be officially admitted as new member at the IDF General Assembly in Dublin. There is a good possibility that they may be joined or followed by two new member countries from Eastern Europe.