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**The National Union of Farmers, Circles and
Agricultural Organizations**

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WORLD FARMERS' CONGRESS
Warsaw, Poland, 30 May - 7 June 2008

“Working together for Profitability, Sustainability and Development”

VENUE - Sofitel Hotel, Warsaw

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

Friday 30 May - Warsaw

- Evening: Reception for developing country farm leaders and the Development Cooperation Committee

Saturday 31 May - Warsaw

1:00 p.m. News Conference – Sofitel Hotel Victoria

9:00 - 5:30 p.m. Development Cooperation Committee

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. AgriCord General Assembly – *closed session*

Sunday 1 June - Warsaw

9:00-5:30 p.m. **Regional Committees - *parallel sessions***

- Africa
- Asia
- Latin America and Caribbean
- Mediterranean
- OECD

Commodity Groups' participants arrive directly at the regional venues.

Monday 2 June

- 9:00-5:30p.m. **Outside Warsaw in the production areas: Commodity Groups - parallel sessions**
- Grains and Oilseeds - **Poznan**
 - Dairy Products - **Lomza**
 - Meats and Feeds – **Krakow**
- Warsaw:** Tropical Commodities Group

Tuesday 3 June

- 9:00-5:30 p.m. **Warsaw: Specialized Committees - parallel sessions**
- Women in agriculture
 - Young farmers
 - Agricultural cooperatives
 - Farmers' health (*new session proposed by Polish farmers*)
- 12:30-2:00p.m. Research Committee planning – *closed session over lunch*
- 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – News Conference – Sofitel Hotel Victoria
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. AgriCord General Assembly – *open session*

• **Outside Warsaw in the production areas:**

8:00-18:00 Study tours/farm trips for the Commodity Group participants - the Groups will split into parties of 10 people to take the scenic route by minibus back to Warsaw, stopping at farms and visiting field and other attractions in the country, arriving in time for the welcome reception.

7:30 p.m.: Welcome reception in the beautiful Lazienki Park, Warsaw

PROGRAMME OF THE IFAP GENERAL CONFERENCE (*: *Speaker to be confirmed*)

Wednesday 4 June – Warsaw

8.30 – 10.30 a.m. OPENING PLENARY SESSION
Chair: Jack Wilkinson (Canada), President of IFAP

To be held in the Congress Hall of the Palace of Culture and Science (Palac Kultury i Nauki) in Warsaw (walking distance from the hotels).

- Welcome by the President of the National Farmers Union of Poland (KZRKiOR), Władysław Serafin
- Address by the President of IFAP, Jack Wilkinson
- Address by the Prime Minister of Poland, the Rt. Hon. Donald Tusk
- Address by the European Commission*
- Keynote speech on Climate Change and its Effects on Agriculture by Michel Jarraud, Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organisation

- *Cultural show*

10.30-11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.00-12.30 p.m. Opening Plenary Session continued

- Presentations to the Congress from partner international organisations:
 - Bernard Vallat, Director General, World Organisation for Animal Health
 - Mark Holderness, Executive Secretary, Global Forum for Agricultural Research
- Overview of IFAP achievements 2006-2008 by David King, IFAP Secretary General
- Recommendations from specialized committees and commodity groups
- Interventions by presidential candidates

12.30-2.00 p.m. Lunch

POLICY COMMITTEE – in the Sofitel Hotel, Warsaw

2.00 – 3.30 p.m. Managing Risks: Dealing with market volatility and global warming

Chair: Peter Gaemelke (Denmark), Vice-President of IFAP

- Presentation of the theme by Jack Wilkinson, IFAP President
- Main issues raised by the IFAP Working Group on Risk Management by the Chair
- Building a long-term strategic dialogue between IFAP and UNCTAD to address risk management issues in family agriculture, by Lakshmi Puri, Acting Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD and Director of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities
- Open discussion on farmers' concerns and future actions
- Conclusions by the Chair

3.30-4.00 p.m. Coffee break

4.00 – 4.15 p.m. Adoption of IFAP policy papers

Chair: Peter Gaemelke (Denmark), Vice-President of IFAP

- Food safety and quality
- Animal welfare
- Farmers' health – new work area proposal by Polish Framers

4.15 – 5.30 p.m. Building Commodity Supply Chains

Chair: Raul Montemayor (Philippines), Vice-President of IFAP

- Raising farm incomes through the “inter-professional” commodity system by Xavier Beulin, First Vice-President of FNSEA (France)
- ‘Global GAP’: Organising farmers to meet food safety and technical standards by Frank van Oorschot, Senior Specialist International Affairs, LTO (Netherlands)
- Open discussion on farmers' concerns and future actions
- Conclusions by the Chair

Evening: Welcome reception in Kaweczyn (outside Polish dinner with entertainment – casual dress)

Thursday 5 June – Warsaw

9.00 – 12.30 p.m. Climate Change: Implications for the future model of agriculture

Chair: Ajay Vashee (Zambia), Vice-President of IFAP

- The Bali Road Map and farmers' involvement by Yvo de Boer, Secretary Executive of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change*

- Main issues raised by the IFAP Working Group on Climate Change by the Chair
 - Adaptation through improved technologies and farming practices
 - Carbon sequestration issues: forestry and bioenergies
- Open discussion on farmers' concerns and future actions
- Conclusions by the Chair

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

- Bioenergies providing income and employment opportunities, by the Chair
 - Adoption of an IFAP policy paper on Bioenergy
- Main issues raised by the IFAP Working Group on Bioenergies
 - Implications for livestock producers and net food importers
 - Certification criteria for bioenergies
- Integrated Water Management
 - Water for Food, Water for Life: a comprehensive assessment of water management in agriculture by International Water Management Institute*
 - Discussion
- Conclusions by the Chair on farmers' concerns and future actions

12.30-2.00 p.m. Lunch

2.00 – 5.30 p.m. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Noel Devisch (Belgium), Treasurer of IFAP

(Member organisations only)

- Finance and budget
- Membership questions
- Constitutional questions
- Election of IFAP President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Executive Committee

Evening: Gala dinner in the Sofitel Hotel, Warsaw, hosted by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Marek Sawicki

Friday 6 June – Warsaw

9.00 – 10.30 Investing in Agriculture: a way for reducing rural poverty

Chair: Carlos Simancas (Colombia), President of the IFAP Latin American and Caribbean Farmers' Committee

- Presentation on 'Agriculture for Development' by Robert Zoellick, President of the World Bank*
- Reactions from farm leaders and conclusions raised in the IFAP regional workshops
- Building capacity for 'farmer-centred' development
 - Intervention by a representative from the European Commission, DG Development*
 - Intervention by a representative from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*
- Cooperation with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on their new Rural Employment strategy*
- Open Discussion
- Conclusions by the Chair on farmers' concerns and future actions

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 p.m. Rewarding eco-system services for all farmers

Chair: Herman Schultes (Austria), Executive Committee member of IFAP

- The programme of work on agricultural biodiversity by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on BioDiversity*
- Main issues of the IFAP Working Group on Biodiversity
- Adoption of an IFAP policy paper on Biodiversity
- Farmers enhancing agricultural biodiversity:
 - Conservation of local plant and animal species by the Farmers' Association of Seychelles
 - Stewardship program “LandCare - Australia” by the National Farmers Federation, Australia
- Conclusions by the Chair on farmers’ concerns and future actions

1:00 p.m. – News Conference – Sofitel Hotel Victoria

12.30-2.00 p.m. Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 p.m. Update on WTO Negotiations- where are they going?

Chair: Jack Wilkinson (Canada), President of IFAP

- Update on the WTO agricultural negotiations by Crawford Falconer, Chair of the Agricultural Negotiations of WTO
- Open Discussion
- Aid for Trade – presentation for adoption of the IFAP policy paper
- Conclusions by the Chair on farmers’ concerns and future actions

3.30-4.00 p.m. Coffee break

4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Closing Plenary Session

- Adoption of the report of the Policy Committee, presented by the Peter Gaemelke
- Adoption of the report of the Constitution and Membership Committee, presented by Noel Devisch
- Closing remarks by the President of the National Farmers Union of Poland (KZRKiOR), Władysław Serafin
- Closing remarks by the outgoing President of IFAP, Jack Wilkinson

5.00-6.00 p.m. New Executive Committee meets in the conference hall *(under the chairmanship of the new IFAP President)*

- Introductions
- Feedback on the Congress that just closed
- Organising for the future

Saturday 7 June

Departure of delegates