International Milk Genomics & Human Health Symposium Speaker Program Announced

The speaker program for the 6th International Symposium on Milk Genomics & Human Health has been released. The three-day event will be held September 28-29, 2009 at the Mercure Paris Porte de Versailles Expo Hotel in Paris, France. The agenda for the 6th annual meeting includes presentations on the Lactation Genome, Mammary Development and Insights Into Milk and Immunity.

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Presented by the International Milk Genomics Consortium (IMGC) under the organization of the California Dairy Research Foundation (CDRF), the symposium will gather international experts in nutrition, genomics, bioinformatics and milk to address the status of milk-specific genomic research. Members of the IMGC also will meet to set future meeting agendas.

The event kicks off with an industry-focused session including speakers Erik Mullaart of CRV BV addressing the selection of animals on milk composition, Toon van Hooijdonk from Friesland Campina talking about strategies to differentiate farm milk and Michael Affolter of the Nestlé Research Center addressing qualitative and quantitative profiling of bovine milk fat globule membrane protein fractions.

Academic sessions will feature presentations on:
* Using comparative genomics to understand milk's unique biological functions;
* The annotation of the lactation genome;
* Comparative transcriptomics and genomics of mammalian lactation;
* Regulation and consequences of mammary development;
* Insights from comparative genomics/the Lactosean project;
* Milk and immunity - from mechanisms to outcomes;
* Milk and autoimmunity; and
* The rumen metagenome.

Speakers include Bruce German of UC Davis, Monique Rijnkels of the Baylor College of Medicine, Peter Williamson of the University of Sydney, Christophe Lefevre of Deakin University, Mark Thomas of University College London, Peter Henson of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Felicie Faucon of the Institute de l'Elevage-CNEIL, Johan van Arendonk of Wageningen University, Marion Boutinaud of the Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique, Harsharn Gill of the Department of Primary Industries, Chris Linington of the University of Glasgow and Bryan White of the University of Illinois. Additional speakers will be announced.

The program also includes a poster session and graduate student presentations from Deakin University, UC Davis, the University of Western Australia and Wageningen University as well as highlights from researchers from throughout the world.
Symposium registration is $450 through August 23, 2009 and $500 thereafter and includes all program materials and daytime meals as well as a Monday evening reception. Sponsoring members of the International Milk Genomics Consortium can register at the rate of $400 through August 23, 2009 and $450 thereafter. Student rates and special hotel room rates also are available. Additional program information is available at www.milkgenomicssymposium.org. To register online go to www.acteva.com/go/cdrf.


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 about the Consortium, visit www.milkgenomics.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.

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