

26-28 JUNE

EDF CONGRESS 2018

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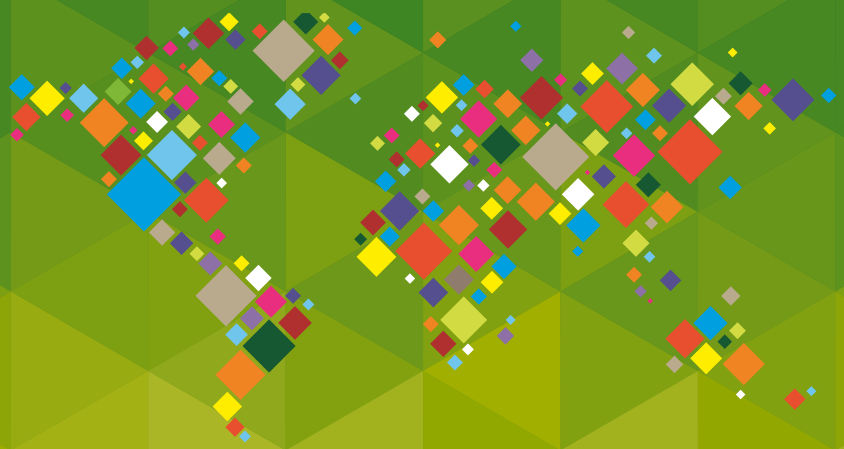
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Dear EDF members, partners and friends.

"Let's walk along the Milky Way together" will conjure up different images for different people. For some it may be a dream, a bit like looking up at the stars with wonder; for others they may consider the monks of the famous town who had an affinity with the land and its potential; others may be just looking for a shared experience of learning about dairy production in a new location.

Whatever your hopes or dreams one can be assured of a EDF Congress which will: showcase the best of Galician farming with its verdant pastures and crops; have a choice of workshops that delve into the detail finding the difference between an average and outstanding dairy farmer; deliver inspirational lectures which will challenge your perceptions about producing and marketing milk into an increasingly demanding market.

As you mix with other participants and listen to the speakers, remain inquisitive with an open mind to be challenged to return home to improve and develop your own business.

On behalf of the Spanish EDF Congress Committee and EDF Europe, welcome to our 2018 EDF Congress in Santiago de Compostela.

Neil Dyson, EDF President

TUESDAY, 26 JUNE 2018



11:00–14:00

Registration

12:00–14:00

Network reception

14:00–14:10

Welcome Address, Neil Dyson, EDF President and Xusto Sanchez Varela, President EDF Spain

14:10–15:25

The Spanish Dairy Sector – development and perspectives, César Resch Zafra, Centro de Investigaciones Agrarias de Mabegondo
Low Cost Milk Production with a Challenging Land Base in Galicia, Steffi Wille-Sonk, EDF

15:25–16:30

Dairy markets – Chaired by Jakob Brand, Rabobank
A Global Perspective on the Drivers behind Dairy Production, James Caffyn, Giro Foods
The Dairy Price Cycle: Predictability and Mitigation Strategies, Willem Koops, ZuivelNL
Discussion: What is the Best Strategy to Face Future Market Developments?

16:30–17:00

Coffee break

17:00–18:10

Dairy welfare and marketing - Chaired by Annette van Velde, dairy farmer and EDF Council member
Controversy of Animal Welfare on Farm Level and as Marketing Tool for Dairy Products, Dr. Jennifer Walker, Dr. Jen's Animal Welfare Project
Achieving High Milk Yields While Refraining from the Usage of Antibiotics, Lloyd Holterman, dairy farmer Wisconsin, USA
Discussion: What is Animal Welfare and Who Defines it?

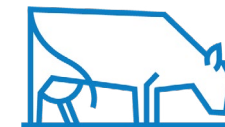
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Conclusions of the day, Neil Dyson, EDF President

19:00

Welcome Dinner at Congress center

LET'S WALK ALONG THE MILKY WAY TOGETHER – PROGRAM OVERVIEW



WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2018

08:00–10:00

EDF Workshop Sessions: choose from a variety of CoP and technical workshops

10:00–17:00

Farm visits and CoP presentation on farm

17:00

Farmers Dinner at Devesa Langueiron

THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2018

Chairperson:

Urs Wegmann, dairy farmer and EDF Council member

07:45–08:00

Registration for EDF General Assembly (EDF members only)

08:00–08:45

Rising Milk Prices but Have Cost Been Controlled? Latest results of the EDF Cost of Production Comparison, Steffi Wille-Sonk, EDF

08:45–09:45

EDF General Assembly (EDF members only)

09:45–16:00

Farm visits and CoP presentation on farm

16:00–16:30

Coffee break

16:30–17:00

The EDF network: EDF farmers introduce their business strategies

17:00–17:30

Take home messages from the 2018 EDF Congress: What are your key impressions? Neil Dyson, EDF President

19:00

Gala Dinner at Hotel Monumento San Francisco, Santiago de Compostela

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

EDF CoP workshop by EDF STAR

In each CoP workshop, we will analyze and discuss the CoP results of one of the participating farms together in a joint round. Following this, the results of all other participants will be analyzed and discussed in small groups of 4 people each. Afterwards, each participant summarizes his/her personal conclusions on the operational strengths and weaknesses of his/her farm, on possible improvement measures, on development opportunities and goals for the next year and presents this briefly in a joint round. **The workshop can only be attended by farmers who have submitted data for the 2018 EDF Cost of Production Comparison.**

TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

Precision Dairy Farming Solutions – Useful decision support or waste of money? Lars Abraham, Dropnostix

This workshop will give you an overview of existing cow monitoring technologies. Important functions and the pros and cons of different sensor types will be discussed. During the course the participants will calculate cost and benefits of different technologies on the basis of their farm data. In the end we would like to share results and work out critical control points. Finally, each participant should be able to systematically assess different monitoring technologies and be prepared for future investment decisions.

How to improve on farm hoof health, Prof. Christer Bergsten, Växa

To prevent lameness and claw disorders the growth of hoofs have to be monitored. Understanding the development of claw horn disorders is the basis of a scheduled hoof trimming routine especially round the time of calving. Early



detection, proper treatment and careful recording of claw status creates the best possible strategy to resist lameness. In this workshop you will get information about preventive measures to reduce lameness and the opportunity to discuss solutions for different type of farms.

Digestive health and feed efficiency, Wim Hessels, For-Farmers

Farmers are aware that the feeding of ruminants is always associated with the risk of rumen acidosis. The managers tend to offer more energy and protein to achieve an attractive milk yield. Therefore, they believe that making money with cows is only possible at the „edge of the rumen pH“. This workshop will focus on strategies to prevent rumen acidosis by identifying feed components and their effects on rumen health and offering pH neutral energy sources. The workshop will prove that concern for rumen health can support animal welfare, feed efficiency and the overall performance of the farm.

Indicators to evaluate the animal welfare of dairy cow housing, Pernilla Olsson, Växa

Scientifically supported indicators for animal welfare indicators, can be a good way for farmers to assess the current level of animal welfare on the farm with the goal to further improve welfare and thereby strengthen the profitability of the farm. The workshop will discuss how animal welfare indicators are used in consulting with the goal is for the participants to learn how to use and evaluate some of these indicators on their farm.

Innovative, natural and sustainable solutions to avoid antibiotic resistance, Dr. Geertjan Streefland, AHV

Fewer and fewer effective antibiotics seem to be available for dairy farmers. Even the use of those is more often restricted, unless they are used under strict and barely practical conditions. In addition, the effect of these antibiotics

is declining and the overuse of antibiotics has resulted in the development of resistant bacteria. Within this workshop you will learn more about the possibilities of refraining from using antibiotics on your dairy farm.

New Technologies not only help us in our daily life, but also in farming, Rafael Eraso Ruiz, Limagrain

The feed efficiency of forages is a key factor to improve the profitability of cattle raising. The goal of the workshop is to show the relationship of technical parameters and technical/economic criteria such kg milk / Ton DM ingested, or liter milk/ha. At the same time with the use of new technologies farmers have the possibilities for a greater security when growing corn. This workshop will present technical solutions for a better feed efficiency.

Labor Management – and how are you ticking? Dr. Peter Nahne Jens

In recent years, labor management has become a key task for growing dairy farms. Due to growing demands and operational growth, there is an increasing use of hired labor. At the same time, the demands on agricultural entrepreneurs increase to continually and sufficiently deal with different personalities and behavioral preferences and to be able to manage them well. The knowledge and recognition of different personality types and behavioral preferences already promotes the open and respectful interaction in the team. In this workshop, different behavioral preferences and personalities will be identified and discussed.

What will the Future dairy farm look like? Marie Benedicte Charpentier, Neovia

These days the end consumer expectations are driving the demand for products which leads to new food trends. At the same time farming has never been so technology driven with new technological innovations being made available over the course of each year. To capture those developments Neovia developed the project: Farm of the Future: Vision and Ambition. Which will be presented and discussed to answer the question: How would you describe the dairy farm of the future?

TOURISTIC TRIP SANTIAGO'S CITY TOUR

**FRIDAY,
29.06.2018
10:00–12:00**

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Meetingpoint: Plaza del Obradoiro (in front of hostal reyes Católicos)

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29.06.2018**

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2018 EDF Congress arrangements	EDF member	EDF member	Non-member
The 2018 EDF Congress fee is exempt from VAT.	with CoP-data		

Full program – Early Bird (applied for payment before 30 APRIL 2018)	400 EUR	450 EUR	750 EUR
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Full program – General Admission	450 EUR	500 EUR	800 EUR
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Full program – Door Admission	550 EUR	550 EUR	850 EUR
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(for registration on 26 JUNE 2018 and participants not paid by 26 JUNE 2018; to be paid in CASH)

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Methods of payment: After we receive your registration, you will be send an invoice for your registration. Payment is possible via international bank transaction. Please

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Language: The language of the EDF Congress 2018 will be English.

Insurance: Please note that the organizers do not provide any insurance for EDF Congress delegates.

Policy agreement: By registering for the 2018 EDF Congress you agree that photos of you may be taken and may be published in any kind of EDF context.

Touristic Tours: A variety of two different touristic tours of Santiago de Compostela and Rias Baixas are offered on 29 June 2018. For registration please go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/sdd1VTi7ozzQgXAT2>

VISA: Visitors from EU member states and the Schengen countries do not require an entry visa for Spain. Congress delegates from non-EU member states are kindly requested to contact the local Spanish embassy to check whether they need an entry visa for Spain.

Accommodation: Delegates have to book their own accommodation. For further information, please see EDF Travel Booklet on the EDF website: <http://www.dairyfarmer.net/activities/annual-edf-conference.html>.

Biosecurity Policy: As a participant in farm visits during the 2018 EDF Congress, we like to ask you to comply to the following: Ensure you are wearing clean clothes and especially clean shoes. During the farm visit please avoid any unnecessary contact with animals and feed. Please obey to biosecurity policy during your stay (including wearing protective clothing).

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