

Editor's note

Following the official launch of *Dairy Mail Africa* at the first Eastern and Southern African School Milk Conference in Kampala, Uganda in September this year, it is a pleasure to present you with the second edition of *Dairy Mail Africa*. The message of the positive future awaiting the dairy industry on the African continent once again reverberates throughout this edition of the magazine.

In this edition of *Dairy Mail Africa*, we report on the first Eastern and Southern African School Milk Conference held in Kampala, Uganda. The conference focussed on realising the nutritional and economic benefits of school milk. Also read how a school milk scheme changed the lives of people living in the Kabale district in Uganda, owing to the vision of a determined dairy farmer.

Phillipe Jachnik, former president of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) reports on the IDF World Dairy Summit held in Vancouver, Canada, in September. Pieter Uys, chief operating officer of Clover Fonterra Ingredients, writes about the positive prospects for sub-Saharan Africa.

In the first in a series of focuses on the dairy industries in the various African countries, we take a look at the dairy industry in Kenya. As far as technology transfer is concerned, this edition features articles on hygiene in the milk parlour, the components of a milking machine and ways to ensure that your cow is milked out properly.

The editor welcomes editorial and news contributions. We strive to ensure that *Dairy Mail Africa's* content is current and relevant. Submit your contributions and/or comments to willemien@dairymail.co.za or karien@dairymail.co.za. *DMA*

Mailbag

Dairy Mail Africa interesting

Busi Chindove from Zimbabwe, writes:

I was reading your publication (*Dairy Mail Africa*, October edition). On page 9 you make reference to our company, Dairibord Zimbabwe, and reference to me as the company spokesperson. Just for the record, my name is Busi Chindove and not Business Chirdore.

We do read your publication and think it is useful and interesting. That is why I bothered getting in touch to inform you of the mistake.

Thank you for letting us know. We will ensure that your name is used correctly in future. Please remember that Dairy Mail Africa will appreciate news about the dairy industry in Zimbabwe to publish in the magazine. - Ed

Magazine impresses

Joel Lepose of Kenya, writes:

I have read the first edition of *Dairy Mail Africa* and am impressed. Please keep up the good work.



The Mailbag in *Dairy Mail Africa* is a platform for readers to express their opinions on dairy matters in Africa, as well as to comment on the magazine. Write to *Dairy Mail Africa* at willemien@dairymail.co.za or fax your letter to +27 12 804 9531 marked for the attention of The Editor: *Dairy Mail Africa. DMA*



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ACD&E 2006 promises to rise to the challenge

The Eastern and Southern African Dairy Association's (Esada) second African Dairy Conference and Exhibition (ADC&E) is set to take place from 25-27 May 2006 in Munyonyo (Kampala), Uganda. Under the theme, "African dairy: rising to the challenge", the conference will strive to capture the growing spirit of regionalism, competitiveness and partnerships exhibited by a growing section of the African dairy industry.

Esada was formed in 2004, with the overall mission of increasing trade in African dairy products. The Esada membership base includes Eastern and Southern African companies producing quality processed dairy products. Esada actively lobbies for an improved policy environment conducive to regional and international trade. In addition to being a source of market information, the association assists members in promoting and marketing their products within the region and across the globe. For this reason, the ADC&E was initiated to provide excellent marketing and networking opportunities. The ADC&E is emerging as probably the only truly international and regional dairy event held on the African continent.

Judging by the record-breaking turnout of the inaugural ADC&E, and the subsequent favourable feedback from a number of delegates, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors, the 2006 edition of the ADC&E promises to be a world-class event. The 2006 conference will feature internationally renowned speakers and dairy stakeholders from around the world, who will discuss a wide range of topics of interest to the dairy industry. The 2006 event is expected to attract over 300 regional and international dairy stakeholders.

The conference and exhibition will provide the global and regional dairy fraternity an opportunity for networking in Africa, sharing the latest information and technology geared at promoting the increase in trade of high-quality dairy products.

The 2006 ACD&E hopes to achieve the following key objectives:

- ▶ Promoting increased dairy sector investment in the region
- ▶ Expanding markets for member products within and outside member countries
- ▶ Improving overall competitiveness of member products and services with special emphasis on price, quality and image
- ▶ Expanding, strengthening and diversifying Esada membership.

Seven African countries join IDF

The International Dairy Federation (IDF) announced at the World Dairy Summit in Vancouver that seven African nations are becoming IDF members. Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia are joining the IDF through a collaborative agreement between the IDF and Esada. This will give these countries access to the IDF's extensive resources and dairy expertise. It also expands Esada's role in promotion of trade and expertise within the Eastern and Southern African region.

"This is tremendous news both for the IDF and for the seven African countries that now join our ranks", said Jim Begg, IDF president. "It is essential for the future of the world dairy industry that developing countries become part of the network of countries attempting to promote the benefits of dairy products. As an industry, we face enormous challenges on a global scale and the fact that these countries want to be involved is an important step in the right direction."

John Anglin, Esada chairman, said: "Membership for our countries will deliver real benefits in that we will have access to resources and expertise that we would not otherwise be able to enjoy. This is a good day for the African dairy industry." – *IDF News Release*

New Esada members

South Africa and Zimbabwe have applied for Esada membership. If their applications are successful, it will considerably expand the Esada membership base in Southern Africa. *DMA*