



## **9<sup>th</sup> IFCN Dairy Conference 2008 in Kiel, Germany**

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### **Our Hosting Organisation**



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**IFCN**  
International Farm  
Comparison Network

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## The 9<sup>th</sup> IFCN Dairy Conference 2008

**Invitation:** It is a pleasure to invite you to our 9<sup>th</sup> IFCN Dairy Conference in Kiel, Germany.

Kiel is the capital of the federal state "Schleswig-Holstein" located in the north of Germany.

**Participants:** We expect 50 - 55 dairy researchers from 40 countries to participate.

As in previous years, there will be three parts:

**Part 1:** 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June

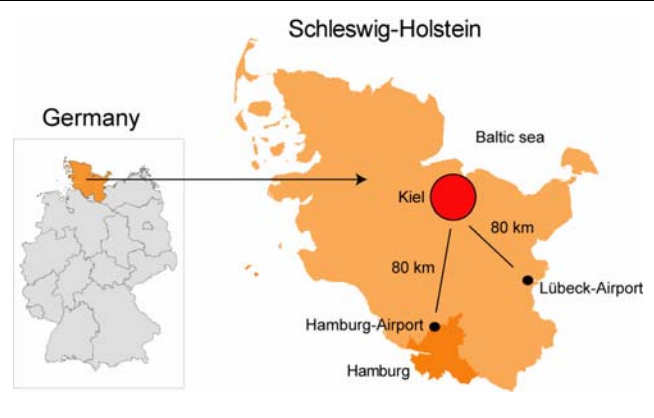
Pre-conference with the IFCN training and the IFCN method workshop

**Part 2:** 8<sup>th</sup> June

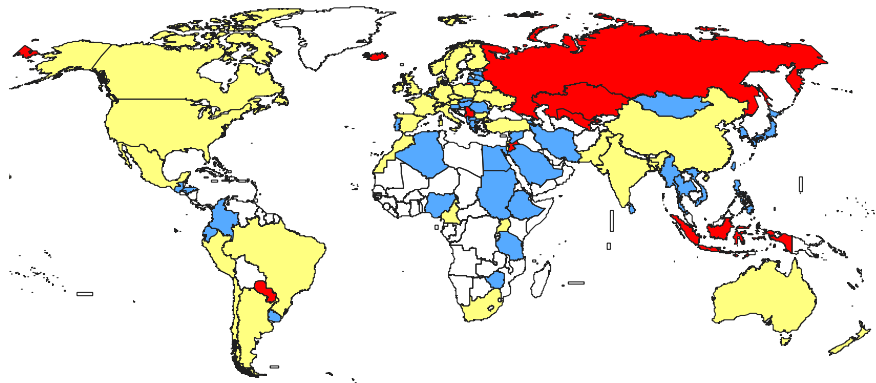
Study tour on Sunday to the Schleswig region close to Kiel and some dairy farms

**Part 3:** 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June

The IFCN Dairy Conference itself



## The IFCN Dairy Network in 2008: IFCN is growing!



- 38 Farm comparison countries in 2007
- + 8 New countries in the farm comparison 2008
- + 40 Countries – contacts for country page cooperation 2008

Contacts to more than 90 countries

**IFCN Dairy Report 2008**  
We expect 46 countries in the farm comparison and around 80 in the country page analysis.

**New countries/regions:**  
We expect "new" in the farm comparison:  
Indonesia, Jordan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Serbia, Iceland, Uzbekistan and Paraguay.

## Idea for the 2<sup>nd</sup> IFCN Photo Contest

**Motto: "The dairy farmer and his surrounding"**

**Idea:** Please send 3 - 5 photos you made describing milk production in your country following the "motto" given.

**Contest:** The top 3 photographs will be awarded a prize. The best picture will be on the cover of the IFCN Dairy Report 2008.

**What to do:** Please send your photographs with a short description to [helga.weber@ifcndairy.org](mailto:helga.weber@ifcndairy.org) by 30.04.2008.



The winner last year (GG Shah, India)

## 2 Program of the IFCN Dairy Conference 2008

### Part 1: Pre-Conference 5.6. – 7.6.2008

	IFCN training	Method workshop
5.6. Thu	Introduction to IFCN methods and TIPI-CAL	Time to discuss special points. Program will be defined based on your feedback.
6.6. Fri		
7.6. Sat	Working on own farms (until lunch)	<b>Workshop TIPI-CAL2009:</b> The new model

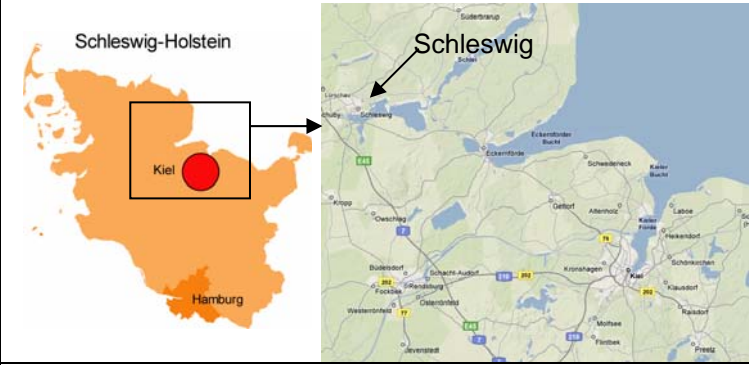
### Part 2: Study tour 8.6.2008 – Dairy farms in Schleswig region near Kiel

8.6. Sun	9:00 – 17:00 Field trip with dairy farm visits in Schleswig-Holstein (details point 6.)
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### Part 3: IFCN Dairy Conference 9.6. – 11.6.2008

8.6. Sun	19:00 Welcome evening, conference dinner – near Hotel Berliner Hof, Kiel
9.6. Mon	<p><b>Farm Comparison Day</b></p> <p><b>Opening</b> University Kiel; Minister of Agriculture Schleswig-Holstein; IFCN committee</p> <p><b>Presentations of new countries</b> (joined IFCN in 2007/2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indonesia, Jordan, Russia, Serbia, Iceland, (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Paraguay?)</li> </ul> <p><b>Results on milk and feed price and farm comparison</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk and feed price developments (facts and drivers), IFCN speaker</li> <li>Results of the farm comparison 2007 and time series analysis, IFCN speaker</li> </ul> <p><b>Special topic presentations</b> (4 presentations + discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital gains analysis: based on farm data from Germany, IFCN speaker</li> <li>Country stories (status and perspectives): Ukraine, Pakistan, United Kingdom, Speaker – IFCN UA/PK/UK</li> </ul> <p><b>Poster session by groups</b> – 3-5 minutes per poster and bilateral talks afterwards</p> <p><b>Networking event and dinner in Kiel</b></p>
10.6. Tue	<p><b>Special Topic Day – Impact of rapid changing milk and feed prices on dairy farming and farmers' reaction</b></p> <p><b>Opening session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From dairy commodity prices to farm gate prices – H. Thiele</li> <li>Milk price transmission analysis from world to local markets – IFCN speaker</li> <li>Presenting a future farm type – Brazil-30 cow grazing, Speaker – L. Stock</li> <li>Introduction to the working groups by group leaders</li> </ul> <p><b>Working group session and plenary discussion on their results:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do farmers respond to rapidly changing milk and feed prices?</li> <li>A future farm type in my country – Pictures, the system and its farm economics?</li> </ol> <p><b>Plenary session to discuss results of the working groups</b></p> <p><b>Farm visit + dinner at the beach</b></p>
11.6. Wed	<p><b>IFCN Strategy Day – Climate Change and Milk production</b></p> <p><b>Climate change and implications on agriculture</b> - Rüdiger Schaldach – CESR</p> <p><b>CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from different dairy farming systems</b> – IFCN speaker</p> <p><b>IFCN Strategy for 2009</b> (IFCN chairman, committee, plenary discussion)</p> <p><b>Feedback + official closing</b></p>

## Study tour – Dairy farms in Schleswig region near Kiel

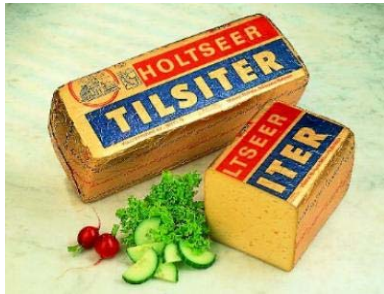
<p><b>3.6. Sun</b> 8:30 - 18:00</p>	<p>Start from Hotel Berliner Hof</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visit to a <b>larger family farm</b> with 350 cows and 5 robots and biogas plant</li> <li>2. A short tour of <b>Schleswig</b>; Individual lunch breaks with some free time in the city.</li> <li>3. Visit to a <b>specialised dairy farm</b> with 120 cows &amp; herring-bone parlour</li> </ol>	 <p>The map shows Schleswig-Holstein with Kiel marked by a red dot. An inset map shows a closer view of Schleswig and its surroundings, including the Schlei and the Baltic Sea.</p>
<p>19:00</p>	<p>Welcome dinner in Kiel city</p>	

### Dairy farm with 350 cows with 5 robots

This farm is a larger dairy farm in the North of Germany. In 2006 the farm changed strategy. The milking of 600 cows in a rotary parlour was replaced in 2007 by 5 milking robots. Therefore the herd was scaled down to 350 cows and will be stocked up again in the next years. Besides milk production the farm has invested in a biogas plant the capacity of which is expanding year by year.

### Dairy farm with 120 cows – family farm

This specialised dairy farm has been run as a family business for three generations. Today 120 cows produce around 1 million kg of milk per year (that is around 8.500 kg milk per cow and year). The farm has 160 ha of land, from which 100 ha are pasture and 60 ha are arable land. The cows are milked in a double 13 herring-bone parlour. The milk is processed in a regional cheese dairy which produces speciality cheese of Schleswig-Holstein.



Regional cheese speciality



Lazy cows

### City of Schleswig



Viking boat



City of Schleswig



Schleswig castle

Schleswig was founded in 804 and is today a market town on the Schlei, a distributary of the Baltic Sea. Since then Schleswig has been known as a commercial and trading place as the Vikings had their biggest trading centre here already over 1000 years ago. The city is surrounded by forests and lakes and beautiful farmland.