

FARM WRITERS' ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.

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International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ) Congress 2007 Japan

The Farm Writers' Association Committee invites expressions of interest from members for assistance to attend the annual International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ) Congress to be held in Japan from 17 to 22 September 2007. The congress is titled "Explore the land of Mizuho" and there is more information on the congress at <http://www.ifaj.org>

As a foundation member of the Australian Council of Agricultural Journalists (which is a member of the IFAJ), Farm Writers' is committed to supporting the IFAJ in fostering global rural communication. To this end, the Association has customarily provided some monetary assistance for one or more member(s) who wish to attend the IFAJ Annual Congress.

This year Farm Writers' will provide one successful member with a Congress registration (including six nights accommodation, meals and domestic transport) and a small contribution towards an airfare (depending on the exchange rate at the time of registration) to a total value not exceeding \$2,000.

The successful applicant will be expected to provide a written report within two months of the congress. This report is to be used at Farm Writers' discretion and may be published on its website.

Written applications must be received by the Honorary Secretary, Emily Ray, **before close of business on Thursday 5 April 2007**, preferably by email to eray@hassall.com.au or by post to GPO Box 1108, Sydney, NSW 2001.

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- How your attendance will contribute to the Association's charter;
- Your contribution to date to the Association; and
- Any other benefits to Farm Writers' from your attendance.

For further information, please contact Emily Ray on 02 9241 5655.

What are the highlights of the Congress?

- ✚ Focus on two themes – exotic farming styles in Asia and the food markets of Japan.
- ✚ Meet Japanese farmers, agri-marketers, food processors and researchers in a variety of settings, including, if you choose, in modern paddy fields.
- ✚ Visit either the Tokyo Central Wholesale Market or a fruit and vegetable packing facility operated by Japan's farmer organisation.
- ✚ Observe first-hand what is happening in the food markets of the single biggest net food importer in the world (and one of Australia's key export markets).
- ✚ Network with agricultural journalists and rural communicators from around the world.

For more information see <http://www/ifaj.org>