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International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ) Congress 2010 **Belgium: "Between Passion and Pressure"**

The Farm Writers' Association Committee invites expressions of interest from members for funding assistance to attend the annual International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ) Congress to be held in Belgium from April 17th to 21st 2010.

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.

Farm Writers' will provide one successful member with a Congress registration (including 4 nights accommodation, meals and conference transport) and a contribution towards an airfare (size depending on the exchange rate at time of registration) to a total value not exceeding AU\$2,000. The award may not be converted to cash and proof of purchase is required.

The successful applicant will represent us at Congress and it is important that the membership gains value from sponsoring the visit. Ideas on how this may be achieved will enhance an application. The successful applicant will be expected to provide a written report about the Congress proceedings within one month of the Congress and to make him/herself available to address a maximum of three Association or member's functions during the year. 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, David Leyonhjelm, **before close of business on 29th January 2010**, preferably by email to davidl@baronss.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;
- How you plan to meet the Association's expectations of reporting to fellow members on the Congress proceedings and
- Any other benefits to Farm Writers' from your attendance.

For further information, please contact **Bev Jordan** on **0408 699 656**.

What are the highlights of the Congress? "Between Passion and Pressure"

- ✚ Visit both Wallonia, the French speaking region known for arable crops, forests and draft horses, and Flanders, the Dutch speaking region known for animal husbandry and diversified horticulture.
- ✚ Meet Belgian farmers and researchers in a variety of settings.
- ✚ Visit the cities of Ghent for the symposium on agriculture and biotechnology and Bruges for the symposium on agricultural journalism, science and ethics.
- ✚ Network with agricultural journalists and rural communicators from around the world.

For more information see <http://www/ifaj2010.org>