



Dairy groups partner for global research

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Six dairy organizations from around the world recently announced the formation of the International Dairy Research Consortium for Nutrition and Health, a new partnership to accelerate pre-competitive research on the nutrition and health benefits of dairy.

The founding partners include the Centre National Interprofessionnel de l'Économie Laitière (France), Dairy Australia, Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Dairy Research Institute (United States), the Danish Dairy Research Foundation and the Dutch Dairy Association.

The consortium will advance dairy nutrition and health research by identifying common goals with the largest potential to increase dairy demand. It then will align the knowledge and resources needed to rapidly advance those research goals and for broadest application. Interest areas potentially include better understanding of how major nutrients and other components

in milk may provide benefits related to metabolic health and chronic diseases.

“Dairy nutrition research is at a critical point in that there is mounting evidence indicating that dairy’s benefits extend beyond good nutrition and may reduce risk of several major chronic diseases, but more research is needed to fully substantiate these claims,” says Gregory Miller, president of the Dairy Research Institute and executive vice president of the National Dairy Council. “Building international alignment through this consortium will accelerate our ability to firmly establish newer benefits of dairy and its position as an essential part of a healthy diet.”

Consortium partners in August will conduct their first official meeting to begin identifying common research priorities and developing an integrated research plan.

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