

## **Dairy organizations team to form consortium**

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ROSEMONT, ILL. — Six dairy organizations have formed the International Dairy Research Consortium for Nutrition and Health, which is designed to be a partnership to increase pre-competitive research on the nutrition and health benefits of dairy.

The organizations forming the consortium include the Centre National Interprofessionnel de l'Economie Laitiere (France), Dairy Australia, Dairy Farmers of Canada, the Dairy Research Institute, the Danish Dairy Research Foundation and the Dutch Dairy Association.

“Dairy nutrition research is at a critical point in that there is mounting evidence indicating 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,” said 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.”

The organization will work to advance dairy nutrition and health research by identifying common goals with the greatest potential to increase dairy demand. It will then work to align the knowledge and resources necessary to advance research goals quickly and for the most applications. Areas of research include better understanding how major nutrients and ingredients in milk may benefit metabolic health and chronic disease.