Ripley Named New World Dairy Expo President

MADISON, Wis. — Roger Ripley was elected president of World Dairy Expo, Inc.'s board of directors at the recent annual meeting. Ripley is the fourth president in the show's 36-year history.

The World Dairy Expo board of directors meets three times annually to coordinate and oversee the production of the global dairy industry event. More than 65,000 producers and dairy industry enthusiasts are expected for this year's World Dairy Expo Oct. 2-6 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

Ripley, president and CEO of Accelerated Genetics in Baraboo, Wis., served on the board for the past 17 years. He has been serving as vice-president since 1991. Accelerated Genetics is one of the original organizations who donated money to help form World Dairy Expo, Inc., gaining permanent representation on Expo's board of directors. Ripley is an active industry leader in many agricultural organizations and university efforts. A facilitator, organizer, and motivator, his leadership earned him the recognition as World Dairy Expo's Industry Person of the Year in 1999. His fellow peers and board members elected him to serve as president.

Since 1969, Gregory Blaska of Sun Prairie, Wis., has been serving on World Dairy Expo's board of directors. Every year for the past 31 years, his fellow peers and board members elected him to serve as president. His vision and leadership skills have focused on the financial strength and growth of the event. This growth has been tremendous in cattle show strength and numbers, quantity and diversity of the commercial exhibits, and education seminars and farm tour programs. He has also overseen Expo's involvement in the expansion of the Alliant Energy Center's facilities, in-

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they develop a business plan for the project.

According to Welsh, financers typically like to see members of the cooperative commit 50 percent or more of their corn crop to this kind of enterprise.

The YCEDC is continuing to

work with BBI on a more detailed market analysis for the project, with results expected in about two months, Welsh said.

Russ Montgomery, president of the YCEDC, said that it will likely take a year and a half to two years to have an ethanol facility. cluding the new barn and the Exhibition Hall.

Blaska will continue to serve as a director on the board, representing Foremost Farms USA.

The board of directors also approved a shift in show days starting with the 2003 World Dairy Expo. A joint committee of commercial exhibitors and dairy cattle exhibitors made a recommendation that the 2003

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event run Tuesday through Saturday versus the current Wednesday through Sunday. Commercial exhibitors will move-in the preceding Saturday through Monday. The Holstein cow show will remain on Saturday, followed with the supreme champion selection early Saturday evening. Other show schedule details will be finalized in the upcoming months. The last time World Dairy Expo changed show days was in 1973 when the event was reduced from 10 to the current five days.

World Dairy Expo is an international trade and cattle show for dairy producers. Last year, 62,705 visitors from 66 countries attended the show. For more information about this year's show contact World Dairy Expo at (608) 224-6455 or go online at www.worlddairyexpo.com.

Dairy Management Seminar In Spanish Scheduled At World Dairy Expo

Dairy Expo, which is Oct. 2-6 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

The International Dairy Short Course will be presented in English with concurrent Spanish language translations. This educational event is intended as an opportunity for international dairy producers, veterinarians, and agribusiness professionals. It's also an opportunity for U.S. producers to offer their Spanish speaking employees focused training. Seminar topics will cover the basics of nutrition, reproduction, management, and silage preservation along with workshops on ration balancing, dairy cattle judging, and milking machine performance. There will also be tours to different types of dairy cattle operations.

Registration for this special program is \$350 before July 10. The registration fee includes the opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 30, and breakfast and lunch Monday, Oct. 1 through Wednesday, Oct. 3. The fee also includes transportation to the university campus and farm visits, educational materials, and proceedings printed in English or Spanish. Hotel lodging costs are not included.

For complete registration and International Dairy Short Course details, contact World Dairy Expo at (608) 224-6455 or go online at http://www.worlddairyexpo.com/sem.ids.cfm. You can also register securely online.











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