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IFAJ TREASURER REPORT 2006

Good morning colleagues

With the 2005 congress in our country and the task as treasurer of IFAJ, I had a busy year on behalf of our organization. The report I give you here in Hamar is the final report of the year 2005. I am pleased to present to you the annual accounts of the year. Thanks to our sponsors, our members and many colleagues who offer a lot of time and work to our organization voluntarily it was successful.

We had membership fee income of 27,847 Euros in the year 2005. The main sponsors in this year were John Deere for the Star Prize, DeLaval for the photo contest and Merial for the website. We had a surplus over expenditure of 7,456 Euro due mainly to increased income from our sponsorship projects as well as membership fees and press cards. This gives us solid ground for new projects for members, contacting new member states.

I would appreciate it if you would pay press cards and membership fees promptly. When I issue an invoice please make sure that your subscriptions are paid promptly. We are investing in developing the internet, in the Star Prize writing competition, the photographic awards, as well as the development of young agricultural journalists from member countries. For this project we have a partnership with Alltech. We believe these programs will help our members do a better job as professionals today and tomorrow.

I would like to thank our president David Markey for his great support in finding and maintaining sponsorships. In 2005 we prepared IFAJ sponsorship guidelines and published them as a brochure. The responsibility that members countries take on when organizing the annual congresses is also an important contribution to our organisation.

For the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of our organisation I produced a DVD to commemorate this anniversary. The cost of producing the DVD was 50,000 Euro and I raised that amount with the help of many sponsors but without having to dip into the current IFAJ budget.

*Markus Rediger, Treasurer*