

ABOUT IFEAT
MEMBERSHIP
CONFERENCES
STUDY TOURS
PUBLICATIONS
EDUCATION
INDUSTRY SUPPORT
CONCILIATION

IFEAT

**THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
OF ESSENTIAL OILS AND AROMA TRADES**

**IFEAT embraces the interests
of the global flavour and fragrance
industries worldwide**



About IFEAT
Membership
Conferences
Study Tours



Publications

Education

Industry Support

Conciliation

About IFEAT

The International Federation of Essential Oils and Aroma Trades (IFEAT) is a trade association founded in 1977. It represents the interests of companies involved in the production, processing, trading and manufacturing of the many thousands of ingredients used in flavours, fragrances and aromatherapy.

Recent decades have witnessed rapid growth in these sectors and worldwide every country and almost every individual uses some of these ingredients. These sectors have vast turnovers, employ millions of people, and involve enterprises ranging from small family operations through to large multinationals, involved in essential oil production, aroma chemical manufacture, flavour and fragrance compounding, trading and consumer product manufacturing. IFEAT's current membership is 682 companies from 69 countries. It is managed by an Executive Committee, providing their services pro bono, and elected by members. For details of IFEAT's structure and development see *Celebrating IFEAT Around the World 1977 - 2017*.

IFEAT's principal aim is to advance and protect the Members' interests in all parts of the world through various activities. These include international collaboration between members and other national and international organisations, funding research and education programmes, the encouragement of good practices, the dissemination of information and the provision of forums for discussion.

A major activity is IFEAT's annual international conference, which has developed into the most important annual meeting of all stakeholders involved in the sectors, affording incomparable business and social contact opportunities. Other activities include:

- Study Tours undertaken in a different country each year
- Support to flavour and fragrance courses provided at the Universities of Reading and Plymouth and sponsorship of students attending ISEO meetings
- Support for research relevant activities, often involving collaborative projects with other organisations
- Regular publications: annual conference proceedings, a quarterly newsletter (IFEATWORLD), socio-economic reports on specific naturals, and Study Tour books
- A conciliation service

Membership of IFEAT

Your company could become a Member of IFEAT if it is active within the Flavour & Fragrance industry as a producer, trader or end-user, either directly or indirectly.

Becoming a Member allows your company:

- Online access to the IFEAT Members' list
- Voting rights at the annual AGM *
- Reduced annual Conference registration fees *
- Priority online booking for the annual Conference
- Participation in IFEAT organised Study Tours *
- The ability to download past Conference Proceedings free of charge
- Free subscription to IFEATWORLD - a quarterly industry newsletter
- Use of the IFEAT Conciliation Service
- Access to Member resources - links to useful regulatory details and useful industry information
- Discounts on the IFEAT Flavourist or Perfumery Diploma courses (see education on page 9)
- Networking opportunities

* Terms and conditions apply.

Visit our website for more information:

www.ifeat.org or email: membership@ifeat.org



Conferences

The IFEAT Conference is the largest annual gathering of flavour and fragrance industry professionals and regularly attracts around 1,200 delegates from over 60 countries. It is widely regarded as the best single opportunity for suppliers and customers alike to engage with as many contacts as possible at one venue, removing the need for many trips each year to meet them individually.

Since 1977, the Conference has been held in a different location each year, including Asia, Africa, the Americas, Australasia and Europe.

The Conference is a five day event, usually held between September and October. It includes a Conference speaker programme focusing on essential oil and flavour production, key current topics within the industry as well as regulation and legislation. There are also workshops, round tables, forums and full day courses held during the week of the Conference - the courses give delegates in-depth training in flavours and fragrances.

A Trade Exhibition takes place during the Conference enabling suppliers to have a platform to showcase some of their products as well as providing them with their own business meeting space.

As well as being an ideal forum for networking and business, the Conference has a number of social events, including "the IFEAT Dinner", exclusively for members. These social events allow delegates a more informal setting in which to meet colleagues and business associates.

Many different sponsorship and advertising opportunities at the Conference provide companies good exposure to an F&F industry audience.

For a full list of previous Conference locations and reports from the past 10 years of Conferences, please visit www.ifeat.org



Study Tours

With limited spaces and always a sell-out, another very successful feature of IFEAT educational activities is the annual Study Tour for members. Since 2005, Study Tours have been organised in Sri Lanka, Egypt, Italy, Indonesia, Brazil, Paraguay, India, China, France, the USA, Bulgaria and Spain. The tour has a number of objectives:

- To gain a clearer understanding of the various processes, capabilities and set-up of different facilities producing and processing essential oils, aroma chemicals and F&F ingredients in the country being visited
- Provide opportunities for participants to meet up with key producers, processors, importers and exporters in the F&F sector in the country
- Enable some 40-50 participants to meet up with other knowledgeable F&F industry people from a variety of countries and continents. Each tour has been an incredibly international and multi-generational group. Travelling together over six to 11 days, the wide range of expertise and knowledge on hand makes them remarkably useful and informative

Over the past decade, IFEAT Study Tours have gone from strength to strength benefitting both participants and the welcoming country. They are proving to be a great learning experience - in the company of other industry specialists, who might be competitors but become good friends. This facilitates the growth of the international IFEAT family. While each Study Tour follows a similar format, they remain very different, predominantly because of the country and companies visited as well as the different participants. A book is published after each Study Tour.



Publications

Socio-Economic Reports on Specific Naturals

The IFEAT Socio-Economic Sub-Committee commissioned 12 reports on the socio-economic impact of the production of specific naturals in certain parts of the world.

As legislation becomes ever tighter in importing regions, and social and economic issues in developing countries are taken increasingly into account, this work is useful for IFEAT in future legislative/regulatory discussions. The reports have covered the production of patchouli in Indonesia, cornmint in India, citronella (Java type) in China and Indonesia, jasmine in Egypt and India, geranium in China and Egypt, petitgrain in Paraguay, lavender in Bulgaria, eucalyptus globulus in China, eucalyptus citriodora in Brazil and China, turpentine in China, frankincense and myrrh in Africa, and bergamot in southern Italy. Following the success and positive reception of the initial 12 reports, the IFEAT Socio-Economic Sub-Committee decided to continue its work to produce further reports, with the most recently published report covering rose.

All of these reports are published and shared with members on the website and via IFEATWORLD, IFEAT's newsletter.

IFEATWORLD

IFEATWORLD is IFEAT's quarterly newsletter and keeps both members and non-members up-to-date with IFEAT news and a range of developments within the F&F industry. Members can also advertise in IFEATWORLD.

IFEAT Conference Proceedings

The Conference proceedings - a written version of the Conference lectures - date back to 1994. The majority of lecture papers given since then are available for members to download via the IFEAT website.

IFEAT Study Tour Books

Study Tour books provide in-depth information on the companies and products from the countries where each IFEAT Study Tour has been held. So far these include Indonesia (2011), Brazil and Paraguay (2012), India (2013), China (2014), France (2015), USA (2016), Bulgaria (2017) and Spain (2018).

Celebrating IFEAT Around the World

To celebrate IFEAT's 40th anniversary, this book documents the fascinating history of IFEAT from 1977 to 2017.



Education

IFEAT, in its continuing support of the industry, has provided the possibility for members to join learning programmes and studies on the many aspects of the essential oils and aroma trades industries.

Following the successful completion of the programmes, students are awarded the IFEAT Flavourist or Perfumery Diplomas.

Flavourist Course

IFEAT is supporting this programme of training modules which has been developed in association with the British Society of Flavourists. The Programme, held within the Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Reading, provides the foundation on which to build a career as a flavourist.

Full information and details of the course are available on the University's website: <https://www.reading.ac.uk/food/shortcourses/foodbio-flavourist.aspx>

Aroma Trades Studies (Perfumes and Flavours)

ICATS (The International Centre for Aroma Trades Studies) has been providing bespoke distance learning courses specifically designed for professionals in the global Aroma Trades industry (flavours and fragrances) for well over a decade.

Study on the ICATS programmes (which are aimed at postgraduate learners or those with industry experience) either leads to an industry-recognised full IFEAT Diploma in Aroma Trades Studies (Flavour or Fragrance), or certification for selected modules completed. Designed and written by world-leading industry experts it aims to suit all CPD needs within the Aroma Trades. All awards are validated by IFEAT and fully endorsed by The British Society of Perfumers, The British Society of Flavourists and IFRA UK.

For more information, please visit the course website at: www.icatsaromaeducation.com

ISEO Sponsorship

Over the last few years IFEAT has given financial support for the participation of 20 young student scientists at the annual International Symposium on Essential Oils (ISEO).

This annual scientific meeting of researchers and industrialists is a globally recognised forum for information on new technologies and natural raw materials of interest to the Flavour and Fragrance industry, especially essential oils and other natural complex substances (NCS). The IFEAT grant enables some of the top students from around the world to attend and ISEO has acknowledged the benefits of IFEAT funding.

Industry Support

An important component of IFEAT's activities is the support and funding of research into scientific and technical activities, which are seen as potential benefits for Members. This support has taken a variety of forms and as IFEAT has built up surplus funds, so investment into research and industry support activities has grown. For example, in recent years, IFEAT has been funding two important projects.

Funded Projects

In recent years, IFEAT has been funding two projects: The Flavor & Extract Manufacturers Association (FEMA) Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) program; and the Research Institute for Fragrance Materials (RIFM) project.

FEMA/IOFI Support Project

Established in 1960, the FEMA GRAS program, is the most extensive and longest-running industry GRAS program. The International Organisation of the Flavor Industry (IOFI) and IFEAT are jointly funding and driving an ongoing project to conduct GRAS re-affirmations of approximately 250 Natural Complex Substances (NCS).

RIFM Support Project

IFEAT and RIFM are collaborating on a project to assess the safety of selected Natural Complex Substances (NCS) following the updated RIFM Criteria Document. Indeed, a review of the RIFM database identified the need to generate additional data on several NCSs for the genetic toxicity endpoint to provide significant and important information for the assessment of these materials. The final study reports and data resulting from these studies are included in the RIFM database.

All IFEAT Members needing these study reports for a regulatory submission or similar uses will have unrestricted access.

Detailed information on all of IFEAT's education and industry support can be found on the IFEAT website at: <https://ifeat.org/education>

Conciliation

The IFEAT Conciliation Service is a Member service available to help Members trying to resolve problems or disputes between themselves and either other IFEAT Member companies or Non-Member companies.

It is not a legal court or a formal arbitrary institution as it is based on the goodwill of the interested parties – IFEAT Members who want to avoid formal procedures and are willing to use conciliation to find agreement on a friendly basis using good business practice.

Consisting of a select group of individuals, who are experienced and respected members of IFEAT, the Conciliators consider the problem and, with the information and facts provided by both parties, do their best to propose an appropriate solution.

Procedure

- IFEAT Members apply to use the service via the IFEAT Secretariat who then liaise with the Chairman of the Conciliation Committee
- The Conciliation Committee selects a minimum of two Conciliators from its Committee and informs both parties of the names of the Conciliators
- Once the Conciliators have been accepted and appointed, each party submits their case in writing together with all supporting documentation
- The Conciliators attempt to settle disputes in a friendly and efficient manner between IFEAT Members or, where possible, between IFEAT Members and Non-Members

Conciliators

The Conciliation Committee Members are selected by the IFEAT Executive Committee and are senior, respected Members of IFEAT, known for their understanding of the industry with proven experience in business and trading.

The Executive Committee supervises and is responsible for maintaining the list of suitable Members of the Conciliation Committee, which consists of not less than three Members selected from Members of the Executive Committee.

The Conciliators are chosen from the Members of the Conciliation Committee and, once agreed on by the parties, act strictly on their own as individuals and do not represent or act on behalf of IFEAT. Conciliators are not responsible for any possible consequences, financial or legal, which may occur as a result of their conclusions or proposals.



IFEAT Secretariat: c/o TC Group, Level 1, Devonshire House,
One Mayfair Place, London, W1J 8AJ, UK.
e-mail: contact@ifeat.org • www.ifeat.org

Registered in England and Wales with liability limited by guarantee under Company No. 01369368