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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to provide this correspondence outlining the significant role of the British Guild of Agricultural Journalists in the International Federation of Agricultural Journalists' organization.

For more than a half century, the federation has looked to the British guild for leadership, inspiration and guidance. Through the years, several of the federation's officials – including the president -- have been rooted in the British guild. These officials are the glue that bind together the federation's 3,000 members and uphold its commitment to freedom of the press, to professional, ethical standards and to youth development.

On several occasions, the British guild has hosted the federation's annual congress. This event, considered the federation's premier activity, is a significant undertaking. It draws approximately 200 of the world's leading agricultural journalists, and brings a major profile to the host country. As such, the congress is staged by only the most capable member guilds. The British guild has consistently hosted exemplary congresses, offering a template to others who follow. Further, it has not rested on its laurels: in 2014, the British guild will once again host the federation congress. Members are looking forward to the well-designed, professional program that the guild has planned.

It is impressive and admirable that the guild is moving towards incorporation. Once again, it is demonstrating leadership and responsibility, setting an example to other guilds which are likewise looking towards a higher level of administrative responsibility. As the federation's presidium member most connected to recruiting new guilds, which must have their own constitution to become full members, I am particularly pleased to be able to point them to the British guild's constitution as a sterling example of a document from which they can chart their own officialdom.

The federation is proud to be affiliated with the British guild, Britain's pre-eminent agricultural journalists' association. Please contact me if you would like to further discuss the contents of this correspondence or any aspect of the relationship between the federation and the British guild.

Sincerely,

Owen Roberts
Vice-President