

## 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium in Diseases in Asian Aquaculture a big success

The Fifth Symposium on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture, a triennial symposia of the Fish Health Section of AFS was held in Queensland, Australia from 24-28 November 2002. There were 212 participants from 32 countries participated and 74 oral and 70 poster presentations were made. The papers were presented in 13 technical sessions covering 10 major topics. Fifteen keynote speeches were made by aquatic animal health experts from Australia, France, Italy, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Netherlands, Taiwan, Thailand and U.K. on various aspects related to fish health. In addition, workshops on Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome, Mikrocell, Epidemiology-Biosecurity and Molluscan Health Management, were held in conjunction with the Symposium. Two Best Student Presentations were awarded to Ms Tran Thi Tuyet Hoa of Vietnam and Mr. Zhenyu Guo of China. A trade exhibition was also organized concurrently.

The proceedings of the symposium, fifth volume on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture is in preparation with more than 60 papers presented. Proceedings of the Fourth Symposium is now available and detailed information can be obtained from Dr. Celia Lavilla-Torres at [celia@aqd.seafdec.org.ph](mailto:celia@aqd.seafdec.org.ph) or at the FHS/AFS website at <http://afs-fhs.seafdec.org.ph/>

The General Assembly of Section members (TGM-6) elected Executive Committee members for the period 2002-2005:

Chair: Melba Bondad-Reantaso  
 Vice Chair: Takashi Aoki  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Walker  
 Past Chairperson: Supranee Chinabut  
 Committee Members: Mangalika Hettiarachchi; Albert Choi; Pornlerd Chanratchakool; Indrani Karunasagar; Chu-Fang Lo; Agus Sunarto; Celia Lavilla-Pitogo (Newsletter Editor)

## AFS E Group

Thanks to the efforts made by Councilor Yang Yi, an E Group ([AsianFishSoc@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AsianFishSoc@yahoogroups.com)) has been established. Members are invited to contribute news, announce job vacancies and other information that other members may benefit from.

## Society to put up E Newsletter

To keep members of the Society in contact and up to date with events and decisions made by Council, an E Newsletter will soon be put up. Councilor, Dr. Chan L. Lee has kindly volunteered to take up this responsibility and will serve as editor for the 6-monthly newsletter with the support of the Secretariat. The E-Newsletter is to be circulated to all members with an email address. For those without email, the Newsletter can be accessed from AFS website. Respective AFS branches may print hard copies of the E-Newsletter for circulation to its members.

The newsletter would contain three broad sections: (a) News from Council & Secretariat; (b) News from the Branches; and (c) Letters from members and other news of interest on aquaculture & fisheries.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Fisheries Forum Trade Exhibition now accepting bookings (29 November-3 December 2004, Penang, Malaysia)

A trade exhibition will run in tandem with the 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Fisheries Forum. An exposition of fisheries and aquaculture products will be staged, featuring the latest innovations in product development, equipment, instrumentation and machinery for fisheries and aquaculture. With over 700 forum participants targeted, the Society hopes to bring together potential clients who will benefit from quality products and services that leading private enterprises and companies in the industry have to offer. Publishing houses and book agents may also wish to take advantage of this event to display and sell books, video and other media formats on fisheries, aquaculture and related fields.

For details, please contact: The Secretariat, 7<sup>th</sup> Asian Fisheries Forum, C/o School of Biological Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, 11800 Minden, Penang, Malaysia. Tel.: +60-4-6533888 Ext. 4005; Fax: +60-4-6565125; E-mail: [wkng@usm.my](mailto:wkng@usm.my)

## Membership Update

There is a continuous campaign to encourage members to activate and/or upgrade their membership status. Those, for instance, who have been accepted as student or associate members earlier, may upgrade their status to Full Members upon submission of documents certifying additional or higher educational merits/degrees obtained (in the case of student members) or list of scientific publications (in the case of associate members).

To activate membership, the Society calls on all members to update payment of their annual dues. Part of this campaign is also to seek out "lost" members, whose correspondence addresses on file are no longer current. Please contact us and once more be counted. Current members who wish to submit updated information may fill up the standard membership form on the web (please note new website address) and send this via email ([afs@compass.com.ph](mailto:afs@compass.com.ph))

The society looks forward to provide better service and support to its members.

## AFS Indian Branch holds 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Fisheries Forum

The Indian Branch of the Asian Fisheries Society held the Sixth Indian Fisheries Forum on 17-20 December 2002 in Mumbai, India. Indian Fisheries Association and the Central Institute of Fisheries Education were the co-organizers of the Forum. The forum was a success with an attendance of 400 participants. AFS was represented at the forum by its President Dr. Clarissa Marte and Vice-President Dr. Modadugu V. Gupta.

The forum was organized in eight technical sessions and over 300 papers were submitted for presentation at the Forum. In conjunction with the forum an International seminar on Policy Issues in Fisheries and Aquaculture, a special session on Women Entrepreneurship in Fisheries and Aquaculture and an exhibition entitled Fishcovery 2002 were organized. One session was devoted to interactions with farmers and industry.

The following were elected as office bearers for the period 2002-2005:

Chair: Dr. S. Ayyappan  
 Vice-Chair: Dr. S. C. Mukherjee  
 Dr. T.A. Qureshi  
 Secretary: Dr. P. Keshavanath  
 Treasurer: Dr. Joseph K. Manissery  
 Members: Dr. K. Gopal Rao  
 Dr. Arun Kumar Ray  
 Dr. Hardial Singh  
 Dr. Kasturi Samantaray