

Fish Health Management

Training Program

November 16 – 27, 2008

Profile

The course is designed for fish hatchery/farm managers, technicians, veterinarians, paraveterinarian professionals, extension agents, food safety specialists and researchers. The focus of the course will be on warm water fish, including both freshwater and marine species.

Objectives

The objective of the training course is to provide technical and practical knowledge in the field of fish health management through various topics, including principles of health management in aquaculture; identification of disease agents; infectious and non-infectious diseases; methods of disease diagnosis, prevention and control, immunization, quarantine measures, diseases transfer, zoonotic diseases, nutritional diseases, and fish safety and quality control. It is expected that experience will be provided via field studies and experimentation.

Location and Facilities

The training program will be conducted at the site of the WorldFish Regional Center at Abbassa, Sharkia, Egypt (located about 90 km from Cairo) where high class research and training facilities, excellent housing, catering and recreation facilities, specialized library, and 24-hour Internet service are all available.

Contents and Program

The course content will be presented through lectures, practical training and demonstrations. A series of field visits will be conducted to selected hatcheries of various sizes and with different technologies. Similarly, several visits will be carried out to fish farms (small, medium, intensive, integrated farms). One cultural day in Cairo / Giza will be arranged during the weekend.

Transportation will be provided between Cairo Airport and Abbassa according to flight schedules at the beginning and end of the program. Transportation will be provided for all events throughout the course.

The program will confirm the enrollment of the nominees in the course once the applicant meets the selection criteria. Afterwards, participants must apply for a visa to enter Egypt if required and check with their local Egyptian embassy to determine if additional actions are needed (e.g., immunization). Updated information will be sent to the participants as matters develop. Providing the program management with all possible contact information will help to reach nominees whenever needed in a timely manner.

The program will provide housing in a well equipped dormitory on site at Abbassa. We will do our best to provide single residences. If this proves difficult, large shared bedroom are available for two participants. High quality bathrooms and showers are well distributed outside and within a few meters of residence rooms. There will be

special and separate accommodation for ladies. Meals will be provided throughout the program. Laundry facilities are available. In general, based on feedback from 500 trainees (92 countries), staying in Abbassa is an enjoyable experience on all levels.

Selection Criteria:

Candidates participating in this program are expected to meet the following criteria:

- University graduate in a relevant field.
- A background in basic fish diseases highly preferred.
- Working in a fish disease laboratory or in an aquaculture activity that requires fish health experience such as a fish hatchery.
- Capable of discussing and receiving the course contents **in English** which is the language of the course.
- Committed to full time participation in the course.
- Physically fit to undertake the course.
- Female participation in the course is strongly encouraged.

Training Fees

Each participant enrolled in this 12-day course has to deposit US\$ 1,200 (to cover in full the training package, accommodation and local transportation). Banking instructions will be forwarded to the course candidates after selection. This amount covers the full period starting from the arrival day (15 November) till the departure day (28 November). Earlier arrival or late departure will be the responsibility of the course participants and will be treated on case by case basis.

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