

Aquaculture calendar

5th International Abalone Symposium 20-25 April 2003

The symposium will be held at the Ocean University of Qingdao, China.

Presentations dealing with the biology, fisheries and aquaculture of abalone are invited. Presentations addressing the practical implementation of scientific results are particularly encouraged. A carefully selected panel of world-renowned experts in abalone biology, fisheries, aquaculture and marketing will address the symposium in a series of plenary and concurrent sessions. The main topics include: International abalone marketing; Fisheries management; Aquaculture technology; Larval biology and settlement; Pathology and diseases; Nutrition and feeding; Genetics; Physiology, biochemistry and biotechnology; and harvest and processing. An exhibition will also be held and abalone related tours and field trips are available.

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Facilitating the Agricultural Innovation Process: Workshop 21 April to 3 May 2003, Andhra Pradesh, India

A 12 day workshop will be held at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh. The objective of the training workshop is to promote opportunities for the national, regional, sub-regional and international agricultural research/extension program leaders in Asia to improve their capacity and abilities in three areas of the agricultural innovation process:

- Strengthening creativity skills to promote innovation
- Facilitating linkages between stakeholders in the innovation system
- Engendering participatory research to engage researchers, extensionists and farmers in the process of innovation.

Candidates should have some field experience in participatory agricultural research and extension. The cost of the training workshop is US\$2,000, including accommodation, meals, incidentals, training materials and local transportation. The workshop will be held in English.

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NOTICE: Change of date for Aquamarkets 2003 meeting

Due to current developments in the Middle East which could make it difficult for people to decide whether or not to travel, NACA and its two co-organizers, the Philippine Department of Agriculture and the Philippine Department of Industry, have deemed it prudent to re-schedule AquaMarkets 2003 – Regional Seminar, Consultation and Exhibition to 2-6 June 2003. The daily Programme remains the same.

Please send registrations by fax to 662 561 1727, or send the electronic forms to: aquamarkets2003@enaca.org.

For those who have confirmed their participation, please contact aquamarkets2003@enaca.org for further information or questions.

AQUAMARKETS 2003 : Accessing and Meeting Requirements of Markets for Aquaculture Products, Regional Seminar 2-6 June 2003, Manila, Philippines

We invite you to a seminar of fish farmers, fishery product traders, entrepreneurs, prospective investors, suppliers, technical service support providers, industry analysts, experts, advisers, technologists, researchers and government policy makers from more than 25 countries from Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America.

Interact with co-participants and with resource persons from various UN specialized agencies and other international organizations including

ADB, ESCAP, ICLARM, INFOFISH, FAO, IBRD, ITC, OIE, UNCTAD, WHO, WTO and others. The topics: various issues and policy approaches relating to access and competitiveness in markets for aquaculture products and impacts of certain trade issues on poverty and environment.

Contact the NACA Secretariat on aquamarkets2003@enaca.org or Fax +66-2 561 1727 or visit <http://www.enaca.org/RegionalSeminar.htm>

World Aquaculture 2003, 19-23 May 2003, Salvador, Brazil

Contact WAS Conference Manager, 2423 Fallbrook Place, Escondido, CA 92027 USA. Tel +1 (760) 4324270, fax +1 (760) 4324275, or email worldaqua@aol.com

Mangrove 2003, Bahia Brazil, 20-24 May

The theme of the conference is Connecting research and participative management of estuaries and mangroves. The Mangrove 2003 Conference will seek to promote the necessary link between generation of knowledge and environmental management, in order to enhance local participation in solutions for socio-environmental problems.

For more information please contact: The Conference Secretary at mangrove2003@ufba.br or visit <http://www.mangrove2003.ufba.br/>

AQUARAMA 2003, 29 May – 1 June

The meeting is billed as the 3rd World Conference on Ornamental Fish Aquaculture. Sessions cover application of biotechnology in the ornamental fish industry; production of new ornamental species; culture of freshwater ornamentals; culture of marine ornamentals; new developments in the ornamental fish industry; and challenges and issues facing the ornamental fish industry. For more information contact julian_lim@cmpasia.com.sg or visit www.aquarama.com.sg.

Rights and Duties in the Coastal Zone: Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference on Sustainable Coastal Zone Management, 12-14 June 2003, Stockholm, Sweden

This conference will compare various property-rights regimes in the coastal zone, and their associated management systems, with a focus on the developed part of the world. It will also consider various policy instrument options and other formal or informal institutional solutions, in cases when property rights are difficult to defined or enforce.

One way to prevent or resolve conflicts is through insightful design and enforcement of property-rights regimes in the coastal zone. Whose are the property rights, i.e. who are entitled to rights and duties in the use of the coastal zone? And what rules for exercising the rights do the property-rights regimes involve? Are present property-rights regimes in the coastal zone inconsistent with the dynamics of the ecological resource they are supposed to control? For example, do they take into account migration among species and the existence of thresholds in the behavior of ecosystems? These and other issues, which are crucial for the management of the coastal environment, have been addressed by the Swedish research programme Sustainable Coastal Zone Management, a partner in the conference.

For more information visit <http://www.beijer.kva.se/conference.htm>

Organic Aquaculture & Sea Farming 2003, 15-17 June 2003, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

The programme will include: Industry situation & outlook; production and processing case studies; markets and marketing; technological developments and issues. The annual VIETFISH international fisheries exhibition will be held in conjunction with the meeting.

Contact INFOFISH, PO Box 10899, 50728 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, tel (603) 26914466, fax (603) 26916804, email infofish@po.jaring.my.

Sixth International Symposium on Fish Parasites 22-26 September 2003: Bloemfontein, South Africa

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Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas, 18-21 November 2003, Thailand

The conference program will include three special session themes: i) Gulf of Thailand; ii) Asian forum for discussion of sustainable development in Asia and the preservation of coastal environments; and iii) NGO forum, to discuss the roles of NGOs in better understanding and promoting friendly coexistence between nature and people in coastal areas. The technical session themes will be related to the scientific, technical, management, educational and information aspects of coastal seas. Technical tours will be held after the conference to Kung Krabaen Bay, the King's project on Coastal Zone Management in Chantaburi Province and on Koh Chang Island in Trad Province. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 30 April 2003.

For more information visit www.emecs2003.com.

Aquaculture Australia, 3-5 December 2003

Heighway, the publisher of Fish Farming International, has launched an international trade exhibition – Aquaculture Australia – to be held at the prestigious Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, in the city's Darling Harbour, from December 3 to 5, 2003.

The Australian aquaculture industry is predicted to increase its current first-sale product value of around A\$750m to some A\$2.5 billion by the end of the decade. Spearheading this are the growth leaders tuna, pearls and edible molluscs, salmon, barramundi and tropical shrimp. Yet given the many other diverse species at advanced stages of development, this estimate is viewed as conservative.

Aquaculture Australia aims to reflect the growing commercialisation of the host nation's industry, focussing on how to make aquaculture work as a business. Such a theme will no doubt be evident among the booths at Darling Harbour in 2003, but it is intended also to address this theme by way of a major international conference running alongside the exhibition. This would feature a range of international speakers passing on their advice and experience in running successful aquaculture businesses.

At its recent launch at the AquaFest 2002 conference in Hobart, Tasmania, the Heighway team received positive backing from all of the leading figures in the industry it canvassed – including the host Tasmanian Aquaculture Council, the National Aquaculture Council, the Fisheries Research & Development Corporation (FRDC) and the federal department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry Australia (AFFA) – as well as many producers and industry suppliers attending the Hobart event.

In addition, the New South Wales government's business development department has signalled its interest in helping such an event through the possibility of hosting an official function during the Sydney show. Farther afield, and in keeping with Australia's strategic position for business in the region, Heighway has received a positive response for the event from the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA) – an inter-governmental body of which Australia recently became a member.

Add all this to the setting in one of the world's most dynamic and enjoyable cities, and Aquaculture Australia has all the potential to become a regular leading event in the industry's calendar.

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