

Aquaculture Calendar

Spanning the Digital Divide: International Conference on the Development of Digital Libraries

The Agricultural Librarians Association of the Philippines (ALAP) is conducting a conference entitled "International Conference on Spanning the Digital Divide: Development of Digital Libraries". This will be held in Makati, Metro Manila from 6-7 November 2003. *Download the brochure from: http://www.enaca.org/PDF/Brochure_Digital_Library.pdf*

Global Shrimp Outlook: 2003, 3-6 November, Mexico

The potential impacts of an anticipated shrimp antidumping petition in the United States have elevated the topic of antidumping to the forefront of the program schedule for Global Shrimp Outlook: 2003, a Nov. 3-6 conference organized by the Global Aquaculture Alliance in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

The GSOL meeting will open with an antidumping panel discussion that will include legal counsel from Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld; strategic plans from the American Seafood Distributors Association; views of top industry leaders and an extended question-and-answer period. During this program, participants will propose consensus plans for dealing with the antidumping issue on both legal and business fronts.

In addition to antidumping discussions, Global Shrimp Outlook: 2003 will provide the best available information on current and future trends in the shrimp market.

Global Shrimp Outlook: 2003 is a by-invitation meeting for top shrimp buyers, sellers, processors and producers. To be considered for an invitation, contact the GAA office - e-mail gaa1@attglobal.net, telephone +1-314-293-5500, fax +1-314-293-5525 - to request a copy of the registration packet. Forms are also available online at <http://www.gaalliance.org>.

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.*

2003 China International Recreational Fisheries and Aquaria Congress and Exhibition, 20-23 November 2003, Shenzhen, China.

The first conference in China on recreational fisheries, aquaculture, ornamental fish culture and trade and game fishing. It is a good opportunity for scientists and industry related to aquaculture, fishery resource management, economy, ornamental fish, game fishing to share experience and get close to China and southeast Asia.

For more information email csfish@agri.gov.cn or visit <http://www.cnfm.gov.cn/recreational/RecreationalFisheries.htm>

Cancelled: Aquaculture Australia

Heighway Events, the organiser of the 'Aquaculture Australia' exhibition scheduled for Sydney's Darling Harbour Conference and Exhibition Centre from 3rd-5th December, has announced that the event will not now

take place, following a low level of international stand bookings.

In a press release Heighway Events indicated that the continuing tough economic situation has meant that the key international participation which was important to the show's success - has not materialised, with overseas suppliers, under pressure to cut costs, unwilling to travel so far to what is seen as a relatively small market. Heighway Events is enormously grateful to all those who have supported 'Aquaculture Australia'.

Coastal and Freshwater Issues, 8-10 December 2003, India

The Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University, is organizing an International Conference to be held in Chennai. A pre-conference workshop on "Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Training" will also be held from 3-7 December. The deadline for abstract submission is 15 October. *For further information visit <http://www.annauniv.edu/iom/COFIS2003.htm>*

The Eleventh International Symposium on Nutrition and Feeding in Fish

International Symposium on Nutrition and Feeding in Fish (XI ISNFF) will be held on Phuket Island in Thailand from 3 - 7 May 2004. This symposium will be the forum to continue scientific discussion on all aspects of fish nutrition including current knowledge and future perspectives in plenary sessions, workshops, oral presentations and posters. In addition, emerging issues that relate to food quality and safety will be addressed. There will be an opportunity to organize meetings to discuss special topics that may lead to the formation of networking groups to promote the advancement of aquaculture nutrition science, technological development and discussions on potential regulatory issues where nutritionists could provide appropriate advice on

policy development.

WAS 2004 Special Session Announcements, 1-5 March 2004

A number of special sessions will be convened at the World Aquaculture Society Meeting in Hawaii, 1-5 March 2004. People wishing to participate in these sessions are encouraged to submit an abstract. The deadline for abstracts is 1 August 2003. The special sessions are as follows:

Economics & markets of marine finfish culture. The International Association of Aquaculture Economics and Management (IAAEM) and the Network for Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA) will be co-sponsoring a special session entitled "Economics, Socio-Economics and Markets of Marine Finfish Culture" for the World Aquaculture Society (WAS) 2004 Conference in Honolulu, March 1-5, 2004. We are extending invitations to submit a paper for this session. This session will cover all aspects relating to the economics, socio-economics, policy, markets, and trade of marine finfish aquaculture around the world. Selected papers from this session will be published as a special issue of the journal *Aquaculture Economics and Management*. Please send confirmation with an abstract by August 1, 2003 to Professor Pingsun Leung psleung@hawaii.edu

Computers in Aquaculture. This special session is intended to be a forum for exchange of information on the latest innovations and developments for the practical application of computers and the Internet in aquaculture and fisheries. Another purpose for convening this special session is to bring together as many individuals as possible who are involved in the development and use of computer based information technologies so that we may meet one another and discuss how best to move towards integrating an international distribution network for the ever expanding array of Web sites, equipment, software, distance education opportunities and other products and services being developed for aquaculture. Abstracts are due by August 1 2003. For further information please contact either Dr John W. Ewart at the Delaware Aquaculture Resource

Center, Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service, Graduate College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware, 700 Pilottown Road Lewes, DE 19958 Phone: 302-645-4060 Fax: 302-645-4213 E-mail: ewart@udel.edu. Online information and submittal forms are available at <http://www.was.org/meetings/Hawaii/Pages/Hawaii2004.asp>.

Advances in Aquafeed. This special session, organized by [Aquafeed.com](http://www.aquafeed.com) is intended to be a forum for exchange of information on new feeds and the latest technology and nutritional innovations of practical application to the aquafeed manufacturing industries. Abstracts for the Aquaculture 2004 meeting are due by August 1, 2003. Please contact Suzi Fraser Dominy, Publisher, [Aquafeed.com](http://www.aquafeed.com) at: editor@aquafeed.com, if you require further information. [Aquafeed.com](http://www.aquafeed.com) is a leading information resource for the commercial aquaculture feed manufacturing industries, visit their website at www.aquafeed.com.

Economics of shellfish culture. A session will focus on the economics of shellfish (i.e., culture, management, etc). Those interested in participating in this session are encouraged to submit an abstract. The deadline for submitting the abstract is 1 August 03. Any questions about the session should be directed to Chuck Adams, University of Florida (cmadams@mail.ifas.ufl.edu). This session is being developed under the auspices of the National Shellfisheries Association.

The aquaculture work of NGOs in developing countries

An idea to form a new NGO, tentatively called 'Aquaculture without Frontiers' (see www.was.org for further details), aimed specifically at assisting in the alleviation of poverty in developing and transition countries through aquaculture, was put forward in a keynote paper presented at the 2003 conference of the World Aquaculture Society (WAS) in Brazil in May 2003.

Recognizing the role of and need for NGOs to use aquaculture to assist in mitigating the projected shortage of fish, a workshop on the aquaculture work of existing NGOs in developing countries is being organized in

conjunction with next year's annual WAS meeting ('Aquaculture 2004', 1-5 March 2004, Honolulu, Hawaii) with the following objectives: i) to review the experiences of NGOs in aquaculture and to identify potential future opportunities; ii) to document the institutional experiences on aquaculture development through NGOs; and iii) to understand the perspectives of governments and donors assisting NGOs in this type of work. Attendees will include Caritas Bangladesh, NACA, the World Bank, and the WorldFish Center. It is hoped that this initiative will help to publicize the significantly positive contributions of existing NGOs and their donors to aquaculture in developing countries, as well as assist in promoting the formation of 'Aquaculture without Frontiers'. The abstract deadline for this session has been extended to 1 September 2003.

International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade Conference, 26- 29 July 2004, Japan

The theme of the biennial conference is "What are responsible fisheries?". Conference topics include a wide variety of seafood markets, fishery management, and aquaculture-related issues. Seafood processing, marketing, and consumption issues, medical and ornamental substances from the sea, and international seafood trade issues will be covered, as well as policy issues including capacity reduction, fishery management by cooperatives, ecosystems approaches to management, and bio-economic models. The conference will be held at the Tokyo University of Fisheries. A pre-conference professional tour will be available July 21-23 visiting fishery management/marketing cooperatives, and July 24 visiting Tsukiji market and other links in the Japanese seafood market chain in Tokyo, plus a post-conference symposium.

For more information visit <http://oregonstate.edu/Dept/IIFET/Japan/Japancall.html> or contact iifet@oregonstate.edu.