



Fish Health Section



The official link to the FHS website is: <https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/>

FHS NEWS

Retirement - Jim Bowker - Research Program Manager and charter member of the AADAP program, is retiring after more than 23 years in Bozeman, Montana with the fish drug group and 34 years with the USFWS. See the attached announcement.

Update from the QA/QC committee regarding the upcoming application period

The Quality Assurance committee of the FHS is announcing the application period for Tier 1 (prequalification) will be opening soon for 2018. Applications will be accepted anytime between January 1 and March 31, 2018. An updated application is available on the Fish Health Section website, along with further instructions.

The Tier 2 (recognition) program is still under development, and the committee is hoping to open the application period by mid-summer.

STUDENTS AND EARLY CAREER MEMBERS

Student Travel Awards Competition for the 8th ISAAH

The Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society, in conjunction with Atlantic Veterinary College Canada Excellence Research Chair in Aquatic Epidemiology, the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Fish Veterinarians have committed to provide travel grants in support of students and young professional to attend and present at the 8th ISAAH. We anticipate in excess of \$ 30,000 Canadian to be available to students through competitive applications and encourage all qualified students and young professional to apply.

The individual competitions details are outlined in the attached announcement: [“Student Travel Awards on Letterhead Dec 18 2017”](#).

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

Aquaculture America 2018

Las Vegas, Nevada

February 19-22, 2018

Early registration period has been extended to January 31, 2018!

The only major national aquaculture conference and exposition held in the U.S. The U.S. Aquaculture Society (formerly U.S. Chapter of WAS) joins with National Aquaculture Association and the Aquaculture Suppliers Association to produce the annual Aquaculture America meetings.

Sponsored Session: AADAP and The National Aquaculture Association are sponsoring a session at Aquaculture America 2018 on the Veterinary Feed Directive rule change.

Please attend if you are confused about (1) the Veterinary Feed Directive rule change that was enacted on Jan 1, 2017 or (2) the subsequent Compliance Policy Guideline on Extralabel Use of Medicated Feeds in Minor Species.

See the conference website: <https://www.was.org/meetings/>

43rd Annual Eastern Fish Health Workshop

Chattanooga, Tennessee

April 9 to 13, 2018

Call for Abstracts: Now Open!

We are proud to announce the 43rd Annual Eastern Fish Health Workshop at the Chattanooga Marriott Downtown hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Registration begins at our annual reception on Monday, April 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and is followed by an evening of interesting, bewildering, and bemusing case reports. There will be three full-day sessions (April 10-12), followed by a full-day continuing education course on Friday, April 13. We encourage contributions for oral presentation of case reports and research investigations that are pertinent to animal health within marine and freshwater environments. Important Deadlines:

Abstracts Due By: 28 February 2018

Registration Due By (postmarked): 28 February 2018 (to avoid the late fee)

PowerPoints Due: 27 March 2018

Hotel Reservation Due By: 8 March 2018.

See the attached announcement.

24th Annual Aquaculture Drug Approval Coordination Workshop and the 59th Western Fish Disease Workshop

Bozeman, Montana

June 19-22, 2018

Make plans to attend the 24th Annual Aquaculture Drug Approval Coordination Workshop and the 59th Western Fish Disease Workshop. June 2018 is a long way off, but for some, it's never too early to request approval to attend out-of-state meetings. The 24th Annual Aquaculture Drug Approval Coordination Workshop will be held in conjunction with the 59th Western Fish Disease Workshop on June 19-22, 2018, in Bozeman, Montana. The workshops will be scheduled back-to-back and we hope those making plans to attend one will also plan to attend the other. Additional Workshop details will be provided as they become available. Hope to see many of you in beautiful Bozeman next June.

8th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada
September 2-6, 2018



Registration is now Open!

Abstracts for Oral and Poster Presentations are now being accepted.

[Click here for Abstract Criteria](#)

Join us for the **8th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health** in beautiful Prince Edward Island, Canada. Join fish health professionals from around the world for scientific workshops, business meetings, presentations and discussions about new research developments and current trends in aquatic animal health.

Get meeting updates and news at the symposium website (www.isaah2018.com).

JOBS/GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty in Aquatic Animal Health
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI

The Departments of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation in the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) and Fisheries and Wildlife in the College of Agriculture and

Natural Resources (CANR) at Michigan State University (MSU) invite applications for tenure-track faculty at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. The successful candidate will have an active research program investigating the pathogenesis and mechanisms of disease within an aquatic host organism, especially focusing on emerging infectious diseases in fish or other aquatic wildlife.

Please see website link: <http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/498439/associate-professortenure-system>

RESOURCES/NEWS

AADAP Update: FDA Answers Some Questions About Veterinary Feed Directives

Below are four questions that we have been frequently asked relative to the use of Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) Medicated Feeds. We ran these questions by staff with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine and we're sharing their answers with you.

#1. Can a VFD order for medicated feed be written for fish that don't exist yet?

[YES – Learn More](#)

#2 Can surplus VFD medicated feed on hand be used for another VFD order?

[YES – Learn More](#)

#3 - Can fish from one state natural resource agency facility be moved to numerous other facilities within the same state agency and all be under the same VFD?

[YES – Learn More](#)