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## **FHS NEWS**

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**2009 FISH HEALTH SECTION ANNUAL MEETING  
PARK CITY, UTAH – PROSPECTOR SQUARE LODGE AND CONFERENCE  
CENTER  
JUNE 8 – 10, 2009**  
**See attached Announcement-Registration.doc for forms and more  
information**

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINE APPROACHING!**

The deadline for abstracts and early registration for the upcoming Fish Health Section meeting is **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Abstracts Due.** Please send properly formatted abstracts to **Vicki Blazer**. In addition to topics of general interest, Vicki is soliciting papers for a couple of special sessions: one on endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDC's) and another on bacterial coldwater disease. Work is underway to obtain sanction for veterinary continuing education credit for this meeting.

**Early registration deadline.** Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is also the deadline for early registration. In response to several queries, credit cards will be accepted at the registration desk at the meeting. In addition, an invoice for registration can be sent in advance for those state or federal agencies that make a request. Questions? – call Chris Wilson at 435-752-1066 ext. 201.

To be considered for the Best Student Paper Award or the Sniesko Student Travel Award, the student **MUST** be a member in the FHS. It is not too late to **JOIN NOW!!!!**

### **ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS: SNIESZKO, ACHIEVEMENT, AND STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS**

FHS Members,

As we look ahead to the 2009 Fish Health Section Annual Meeting in Park City, Utah June 8-10, the Awards Committee is pleased to solicit nominations for the following two awards:

- 1) S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award (SDSA), honoring individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health.
- 2) Special Achievement Award, presented periodically to a FHS member who has made a significant accomplishment in the fish health field regarding a new discovery, diagnostic method, publication, etc. during the past year

Criteria outlining qualifications for these awards and a list of previous winners can be found on the section website: [www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/awards.htm](http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/awards.htm).

Nominations for the Snieszko and Special Achievement Awards will be accepted up to **April 1, 2009**.

Student members planning to attend the meeting are encouraged to apply for Snieszko Student Travel Awards. The total amount available is unknown at this time, but a sum of up to \$1000 is awarded to defray travel expenses to one or more students presenting a talk in the aquatic animal health field. The application deadline for travel awards is **March 15, 2009**. For more information on travel assistance visit the website at <http://www.fisheries.org/fhs/awards.htm>. Student members are also eligible to compete for the Best Student Paper Award. Participants must be FHS members and notify an Awards Committee member of their intentions prior to the beginning of presentations.

FHS members interested in nominating an individual for the Snieszko or Special Achievement Awards and students seeking travel assistance should send required materials to the Awards Committee via Al Camus at [camus@uga.edu](mailto:camus@uga.edu) or using the address below.

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**MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS - FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER  
UPCOMING MEETINGS GO TO THE WEBSITE:**

<http://www.fisheries.org/fhs/meeting.htm>

## **HEALTH MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY FISH**

Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory Bar Harbor  
Maine – 24 – 28 August 2009

Applications are being accepted for this 1-week educational opportunity for individuals with maintenance, management or research responsibilities in which fish are used as laboratory animals.

APPLICATION DEADLINE - JULY 15.

The course is offered at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, Salisbury Cove, Maine during the period of 24 - 28 August 2009. Topics to be discussed will include general system design and water quality management, anatomy and histology of fish, general fish diseases and disease management strategies. Infectious and non-infectious diseases common to all fish as well as specific diseases of importance to laboratory-maintained zebrafish will be discussed. The course will consist of lecture, laboratory exercises and discussions. During the course there will be an opportunity for students to discuss unusual and/or unsolved diagnostic case experiences from their home laboratories as problem-solving exercises. The course should be particularly valuable to technical staff, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, junior faculty and investigators needing skills to monitor the health of a colony of aquatic organisms.

For more information on the course, please see the course web site at:

<http://www.mdibl.org/courses/fishhealth09.shtml>

## **OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY SALMONID DISEASE WORKSHOP**

July 13-24  
Corvallis, OR

Registration is now open, please register online at:

<http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/registration.html> or

<https://secure.oregonstate.edu/ocs/register.php?event=355>

For additional information, see:

<http://microbiology.science.oregonstate.edu/Salmon+Disease+Workshop>

## **JOBS**

## **RESOURCES**

**CANADIAN FISH CARE – see attached Fish Guidelines.pdf**

**DISEASES OF WILD AND CULTURED SHELLFISH IN ALASKA**

ADF&G pathology program has a new disease booklet entitled "Diseases of Wild and Cultured Shellfish in Alaska" that is available for the asking by emailing >tammy.burton@alaska.gov.<

## **MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

### **NOTICE OF AGENCY PROPOSED RULE-MAKING**

This notice is to inform you of the following proposed rulemaking:

#### **Chapter 24 Importation of Live Marine Organisms**

The proposed regulations would establish and update health inspection rules for marine fish, including but not limited to Gadids and Pleuronictids, similar to the established rules for salmonids. The entire chapter would be renumbered throughout for consistency. Select this web link for the current copy of Chapter 24: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/13/188/188c024.doc>. \*

AGENCY CONTACT PERSONS: Marcy Nelson (207- 633-9502) or Laurice Churchill (207-633-9584) \*PUBLIC HEARING: Monday, April 13, 2009, 1:00pm, Eastern Maine Community College, 354 Hogan Road, Rangeley Hall, Room 501-B, Bangor, For directions select this link:

<http://www.emcc.edu/contentpreview.aspx?id=496>

Select this web link for a copy of the proposed amendments at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rulemaking/>

Or, to obtain a hardcopy by US mail write:

Dept. of Marine Resources, attn: L. Churchill, PO Box 8, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008

TEL: 207-633-9584, EMAIL: [laurice.churchill@maine.gov](mailto:laurice.churchill@maine.gov), FAX: (207) 633-9579 or TTY: (207) 633-9500

To receive future rulemaking notices by email please use contact info above.

## **AQUACULTURE DRUG UPDATE: DATE: 26 MARCH 2009**

<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/aadap/2009%20Updates.htm>

FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Announces First Drug to be Placed in the Index of Legally Marketed Unapproved New Animal Drugs for Minor Species

Although the Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2004 provides FDA with the authority to place unapproved animal drugs for minor uses or minor species (MUMS) on an Index of legally marketable drugs, it has taken over four years for associated regulations to be written and for a new drug to work its way through the system. But, we are delighted to say the system DOES work, and the very first drug was recently (19 March 2006) added to the MUMS Index list. Congratulations to Western Chemical, Inc. (Ferndale, Washington) and CVM's Office of Minor Use Minor Species.

Western Chemical, Inc. received word that their spawning hormone, OVAPRIM® (salmon gonadotropin releasing hormone analog plus domperidone), may now be legally marketed as a spawning aid for use with ornamental fish broodstock. Refer to CVM's Index webpage (<http://www.fda.gov/cvm/MUMSIndexList.htm>) and the most recent "CVM Update" (<http://www.fda.gov/cvm/NewAnimalDrugIndex.htm>) for additional information on Ovaprim® or Western's website (<http://www.wchemical.com/OVAPRIM-P66C20.aspx>).

Animal drugs that are on the Index carry with them specific conditions for use: (1) they may only be used on non-food fish, (2) they may only be used for the condition(s) identified in the Index, (3) the drug may only be obtained from the manufacturer identified on the Index, and (4) the drug may not be extra-label prescribed by a veterinarian.

#### FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact: USFWS-Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership, phone 406-994-9911

Website: <http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/aadap/home.htm>