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FHS NEWS

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

Correspondence with AFS President – see attached Fish Health and Culture Section Letter.doc and Don Jackson.docx

The attachments include a letter to the FHS and FCS from Don Jackson, AFS president, and a reply from Patricia Barbash, FHS president

Affiliate Membership

Recent communications regarding Affiliate membership to the FHS has, unfortunately, created additional confusion regarding this issue. Affiliate members are currently those folks that can join the FHS ONLY (not the parent Society), but do not receive all of the benefits of full AFS membership. Currently, the FHS Procedures Manual states that, *"Affiliate membership in the Section is available to non-Society members who are members of other scientific societies and associations with an interest in aquatic animal health. Affiliate membership will convey most benefits and rights of full membership including subscription to the Section journal, receipt of the quarterly FHS newsletter, invitation to serve on committees and participation in FHS programs such as professional certification or continuing education. Benefits not available to affiliate members are those prohibited by parent Society bylaws which includes the requirement that all officers and committee chairs of subunits be active members of the Society. All committee chairs and officers must also be members of the Section. Examples of other scientific societies and associations whose members would qualify for affiliate membership include, but are not limited to, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the European Association of Fish Pathologists, the World Aquaculture Society, the Society for Invertebrate Pathology, and the International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine."*

Other AFS Sections also maintain an affiliate member category, but the benefits vary a great deal, and this has caused great confusion for those wishing to pursue Affiliate Membership. What this discussion has brought up amongst the AFS Management Committee is the question of whether affiliate members SHOULD be allowed to purchase journal subscriptions at the general/full member rate. There is some concern that allowing this would create a disincentive for being a full member of AFS. Although this is essentially what the FHS is doing right now and it hasn't created such a disincentive for our membership, if extended to all other AFS units (including Sections, Chapters, etc.), this may create a long-range problem for the Society.

I have been working with the President of the Fish Culture Section on a motion to address this issue and eliminate confusion for the various units with affiliate membership categories. The primary elements of this motion would be:

1. Affiliate members in chapters and sections will be allowed to subscribe to AFS journals (electronic subscriptions only) at a rate that is less than the cost of non-member subscriptions and more than the cost to AFS members. The actual cost(s) of the affiliate subscription(s) will be recommended by the AFS Executive Director and is (are) subject to approval by the Governing Board. The cost(s) can be modified at any time by action of the Governing Board.
2. Affiliate members will not receive subscriptions to *Fisheries*. This publication is only available to AFS members.

Please send me an email with any objections you, as a current member of the FHS, may have regarding the wording and content of this proposed Motion to the AFS Management Committee. Send your comments to patricia_barbash@fws.gov by COB Monday May 3. Thanks!

Trish Barbash

President, Fish Health Section

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM ROZ SCHICK - See attached file: Pictures of presentations 3-3-10 (2).ppt)

Dear Trish,

I wanted to inform the Fish Health Section (FHS) of the American Fisheries Society that I am retiring from my position as National Coordinator for Aquaculture New Animal Drug Applications (NADAs) as of May 1, 2010.

I personally want to thank the FHS for funding my position from Year 1 through Year 15 for a total of \$14,000. Because of contributions like yours, I was able to maintain my position for 15 years either at a three-quarters or a full time level. As you may know, funding for this position was totally dependent upon voluntary contributions of agencies, organizations, or companies. In the 15 years of this position, we achieved 16 NADAs for seven different drugs (four of them new to aquaculture) and for 16 different label claims. Not only that but first-time approvals were gained for the control of mortality due to bacterial gill disease, external columnaris disease, systemic columnaris disease, and coldwater disease and for four finfish groupings: (1) all freshwater-reared finfish, (2) all finfish eggs, (3) all freshwater-reared coolwater finfish and (4) all freshwater-reared salmonids.

In the near future, first-time approvals should be gained for nine drugs for the control of mortality due to bacterial kidney disease, saprolegniasis for all freshwater-reared finfish, streptococcosis, and necrotizing hepatopancreatitis and for the control of sea lice control. Additionally, production aids will be approved for gender manipulation and skeletal marking for all salmonids. Four species or groupings (hybrid striped bass, tilapia, walleye, and freshwater-reared warmwater finfish) will be added.

At Aquaculture 2010 in San Diego, California, I was privileged to receive two plaques of recognition for my efforts from the U.S. Center for Veterinary Medicine and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a special gift from Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health (see attached pictures).

I also wanted you to know that I plan on doing some consulting as Roz Schnick Consulting, LLC to benefit aquaculture industries and those companies or organizations that wish to service those industries. If my services are needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Roz

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S.F. SNIESZKO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, AND SNIESZKO STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

The time has come to nominate individuals for S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award, Special Achievement Award, and Snieszko Student Travel Awards. For those of you that don't know what these awards stand for, the **Snieszko Distinguished Service Award** is the highest award in the FHS presented for the purpose of honoring individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health. This is a career award and may be given to more than one person in a year but is not necessarily awarded every year. The **Special Achievement Award** is presented to a FHS member who has made a significant accomplishment in the fish health field regarding a new discovery, diagnostic method, publication, etc. This award is for a one-time accomplishment and may or may not be given out every year. This award may

be given for: (1) a unique contribution to the fish health field (such as a new diagnostic tool, a new technique to control disease, etc.), (2) a significant research accomplishment, or (3) outstanding leadership in resolving a major aquatic animal health problem. The achievement must meet high standards of science and survive peer review. And finally, the **Snieszko Student Travel Awards** are awarded to one or more students yearly to defray travel to the FHS meeting and to present a talk in the aquatic animal health field.

This year we do have some exciting changes in the **Snieszko Student Travel Award**. For one, the Fish Health Section has made available extra funds to assist approximately 10 foreign and domestic students to travel to the 2010 International Symposium of Aquatic Animal Health in Tampa, FL in September. In addition, all students that apply to present at 2010 ISA AH will have their Fish Health Section dues paid for one year. For students that are not currently members, their 2010 dues will be paid, and for all current student members, their 2011 dues will be paid. Please follow the guidelines (below) on how to apply.

All nominees (except for student travel awards) must be FHS members. Nominations for both awards will be accepted until 5PM (EST) May 2, 2010.

Mail them to:

Deborah Iwanowicz
Chair, AFS/FHS Nominating and Balloting Committee
National Fish Health Research Laboratory
11649 Leetown Road
Kearneysville, WV 25430

Or email to:

diwanowicz@usgs.gov

SNIESZKO STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS FOR 2010 ISA AH –

The AFS Fish Health Section has exciting changes in the **Snieszko Student Travel Award** for the ISA AH. The Fish Health Section has made available extra funds to assist 10 to 15 foreign and domestic students to travel to the 2010 International Symposium of Aquatic Animal Health in Tampa, FL in September. In addition, all students that apply to present at 2010 ISA AH will have their Fish Health Section dues paid for one year. For students that are not currently members, their 2010 dues will be paid, and for all current student members, their 2011 dues will be paid.

THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!!! Applications will be accepted until 5PM (EST) June 2, 2010. Please follow the guidelines below on how to apply.

A sum of up to \$1000 awarded to one or more students yearly to defray travel to a professional meeting to present a talk in the aquatic animal health field. The requirements and procedures for selection of student awards are as follows:

- A. Basic Requirements from Student Applicants
 - a. Letter of application and statement of any special financial circumstances (i.e., not supported by a stipend, etc.)
 - b. Curriculum vitae must be submitted along with three letters of recommendation.
 - c. Itemized budget on how money is to be spent, i.e. travel, meals, lodging and registration.
 - d. Copy of abstract of paper to be presented.
- B. Judgment Criteria

<u>Weight</u>	
a. Quality of abstract	50
b. Significance of/interest in the research	5
c. Academic achievement	10
d. Professional achievement	10
e. Financial need	25
- C. Procedure for Selection
 - a. Request for application announced in the October and January issues of the Newsletter with a deadline.
 - b. Chair of the Awards Committee receives the application packets and sends a letter of receipt to each applicant.
 - c. Applicants are ranked according to total scores obtained from the points earned in the Judgment Criteria.
 - d. The number of applicants awarded travel funds will depend upon the amount of interest available on the account and the ranking and number of applicants. The intent is to fund as many students as possible, beginning with the highest ranked, until the interest money runs out.
 - e. Committee decisions for awarding the travel funds are relayed to each applicant by letter and the AFS office is notified to send checks to the successful candidates. The meeting program chair is also notified of the successful applicants such that footnotes on their printed abstracts

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

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

SIXTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH (ISA AH-6)

Sept. 5 - 9, 2010, in Tampa, Florida, USA

<http://aquaticpath.epi.ufl.edu/isaah6>

If you have not checked back to the symposium website, please note that abstracts are currently being accepted and early registration will continue through April 30th. Please take advantage of the early bird registration fees and the specially-negotiated room rates at our conference venue, the Tampa Marriott Waterside.

This is going to be a great meeting folks! Outstanding scientific and plenary sessions, as well as workshops and educational excursions will make this a most meaningful and memorable gathering. This symposium will focus on infectious diseases in wild and aquacultured species, disease interactions between wild and farmed stocks, and outcomes of environmental stress including effects of contaminants, and regional and global habitat alteration. Join a global and diverse group of attending diagnosticians, microbiologists, parasitologists, epidemiologists, managers, environmental biologists, policy makers, teachers and students, working with fish, amphibians, turtles, algae, mammals, invertebrates and birds, who will share their expertise and science.

Students are especially encouraged to participate and contribute to this symposium. ISAAH attendance provides a unique professional development opportunity! Specially-reduced rates have been made available for students on a very tight budget (although, if at all possible, students should apply for full registration in order to participate in additional social networking events).

In addition, the AFS Fish Health Section has exciting changes in the Snieszko Student Travel Award for the ISAAH-6. The Fish Health Section has made available extra funds to assist 10 to 15 foreign and domestic students to travel to the 2010 International Symposium of Aquatic Animal Health in Tampa, FL in September. All students that apply to present at 2010 ISAAH will have their Fish Health Section dues paid for one year. For students that are not currently members, their 2010 dues will be paid, and for all current student members, their 2011 dues will be paid. Applications will be accepted until 5PM (EST) May 2, 2010. Please application instructions on the symposium website.

ISAAH provides a unique opportunity to strengthen research ties between existing groups and disciplines, and form new and global collaborations. Please join us and contribute to what will be a great symposium on environmental and aquatic animal health. We aim to provide just the right atmosphere to empower great science and make synergy happen!

See you in Tampa!

Andy Kane
ISAAH-6 Local Organizer

2010 WESTERN FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP

<http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/event/westernfishdisease/>

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State University Microbiology Department invite you to attend the 51st Western Fish Disease Workshop on June 23-24, 2010 at the LaSelles-Stewart Center, Oregon State University, in Corvallis, Oregon. The workshop will be preceded by a half-day continuing education session on the afternoon of June 22nd. Now is the time to reserve the dates on your calendar and make your room reservations.

Continuing Education session on Pathogens in Wild Populations: To be held on Tues, June 22 – More to follow

Lodging: Hilton Garden Inn, Corvallis, Oregon.

Room rates: \$90 single, \$110 double. Rooms will be held under “Western Fish Disease Workshop” for individual call reservations. Guests must call in to the front desk (541-752-5000) to confirm reservations with this group.

Room block cut off date: June 1, 2010 www.hiltongardeninn.com.

Recreational Opportunities:

Corvallis is located in the heart of the Willamette Valley, and is uniquely situated between big cities, pristine mountains, and the Oregon Coast. Visit [Travel Oregon](#) and VisitCorvallis.com for more information.

Important Dates:

May 15, 2010	Deadline for student travel award submission
June 1, 2010	Deadline for abstract submission
	Deadline for reduced room reservations
June 18, 2010	Deadline for online registration

Contact Information: If you have any questions at this time please contact either

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Dept. of Microbiology, OSU
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Corvallis, OR 97331

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Corvallis, OR 97331

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Students: Students are eligible to compete for the Best Student Paper Award. This will be a monetary award. There will also be a limited number of positions for graduate students to waive the cost of registration by assisting with session audio-visuals. Contact Dr. Jerri Bartholomew for details.

Student Travel Award to be presented to one student to help cover costs associated with attending the WFDW to present a paper in the aquatic animal health field. Following the submission of required materials, each student's application is judged based on the quality of the abstract, significance of/interest in the research, academic achievement, professional achievement and financial need. The following documentation is required by May 15: 1) Letter of

application and statement of any special financial circumstances (i.e., not supported by a stipend, etc.); 2) Letter of recommendation from the student's major professor; 3) Copy of abstract of paper to be presented. All supporting material should be emailed to bartholj@science.oregonstate.edu or sent to Dr. Jerri Bartholomew, Department of Microbiology, Oregon State University, 220 Nash Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-3804.

HEALTH AND COLONY MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY FISH
Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory Bar Harbor, Maine
16 – 20 August 2010

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 16 - 20 August 2010. 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/Health_and_Colony_Management_of_Laboratory_Fish/182/

MOTE MARINE LABORATORY'S TROPICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY WORKSHOPS

We are pleased to announce the schedule for advanced courses this summer to be held at the Summerland Key, Florida, facility.

These URLs link to the individual courses:

Coral Tissue Slide Reading Workshop

http://isurus.mote.org/Keys/slide_workshop_2010.phtml

Diseases of Corals and Other Reef Organisms

http://isurus.mote.org/Keys/disease_workshop_2010.phtml

Course descriptions, fees, contacts, and application forms will be found at these Web sites.

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