



Fish Health Section



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

LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the new AFS-FHS President, I have a pretty long "to do" list. I will be following up on things that Diane started and addressing some new challenges. The first order of business is to sort out the Section web site so that we all have a place to work and communicate. Very soon the Section site will be re-done and re-located. We will be moving to a new host and using new software that will make it very easy for Section members to do updates. That conversion process is underway. You'll be seeing the first changes soon. I'll let you know when it is time to take a look.

Regards,

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

<http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/meeting.php>

THE STEWARDSHIP OF ANTIBIOTICS IN AQUACULTURE

www.antimicrobialcanada.com

Toronto Marriott Airport Hotel
October 30th – Nov 2nd, 2011

There will be a one-day session Tuesday November 1st 2011 that will focus on the stewardship of antibiotics in aquaculture in Canada. The session, for which one day registration is available, is part of a larger 3-day national conference (October 30th- November 2nd), on Antimicrobial Stewardship in Canadian Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Conference: How is Canada doing and what still needs to be done? In this session some of the most current research in antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial stewardship will be presented by leading experts in the field in North America and internationally.

Peter Smith of the National University of Ireland will give an international perspective on antimicrobial stewardship issues in aquaculture. Data on the levels of antimicrobial resistance in retail seafood and fish in Canada will be presented by Dr. Nicol Janecko from the CIPARS group of the Public Health Agency of Canada and by Carl Uhland, Université de Montréal. This will be followed by Diane Morrison of Marine Harvest Canada who will discuss antimicrobial drug use in aquaculture. In the afternoon, David Scarfe will discuss prudent antibiotic use guideline development and implementation in aquaculture, and Wendy Sealey will discuss alternatives to antibiotics.

Finally, Dr Manisha Mehrotra from the Veterinary Drugs Directorate, Health Canada, will discuss the drug approval process and moves at harmonization in a North Americanwide context.

The day will conclude with a group discussion facilitated by the Co-Chairs J T. McClure of the University of Prince Edward island and Carl Uhlund on impediments to reducing antibiotic use and effective next steps for improving antibiotic stewardship in aquaculture, as well as how to communicate the message of antibiotic stewardship. Everyone using antibiotics in aquaculture will find this an informative, understandable, dynamic and interactive national conference.

The Antimicrobial Stewardship conference is designed for farmers and veterinarians, the animal health industry, the medical community, policy makers and regulators, agricultural extension staff, researchers, educators, consultants and others with an interest in the sustainability of antimicrobial drugs.

The conference will be at the Toronto Marriott Airport Hotel, October 30th – Nov 2nd, 2011. Details including registration on www.antimicrobialcanada.com. Contact: Conference secretariat (519) 263 5050; Bobbi Hoffman, The Bayley Group.

37TH ANNUAL EASTERN FISH HEALTH WORKSHOP

High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, New York
27 April - 1 May 2009

Important dates: Currently - accepting titles for general sessions
March 26 – Abstracts due. Early registration (\$200 US)
March 27 - Late Registration (\$225.00 US)
April 9 - Powerpoint presentations due

Call For General Session Titles and Abstracts: Presentations for the EFHW book quickly, therefore, to guarantee your place on the program return a tentative title for your presentation via email as soon as possible. Do this by completing the appropriate sections of the Word attachment entitled "37 EFHW title form" Abstracts must be submitted by 26 March 2012. Please follow the directions for preparation of abstracts and presentations (see attachment: abstract prep). Your attention to these guidelines is greatly appreciated. Power Point presentations are due by 9 April 2012. Abstracts and presentations can be sent via email to rcipriano@usgs.gov.

Flavobacterium 2012

3rd International Conference on Members of the Genus Flavobacterium
5-7 June 2012
Åbo Akademi University

Turku (Åbo), Finland

On behalf of the organizing committee you are cordially invited to participate in the 3rd International Conference on Members of the Genus *Flavobacterium*, **Flavobacterium 2012**. The conference will be held at the Åbo Akademi University in Turku, Finland organized by the Laboratory of Aquatic Pathobiology, Environmental and Marine Biology, Department of Biosciences.

The conference will provide a platform for oral presentations on diverse aspects of these environmental and pathogenic microorganisms. Participants are especially encouraged to submit abstracts on the biology and epizootiology of *Flavobacterium* species.

Registration and hotel information, abstract submission and practical information will be available on the conference website: <http://www.abo.fi/flavobacterium2012>
The meeting will take place in the Arken Campus at the Åbo Akademi University, close to the Aura River and Turku Cathedral. Arken offers well equipped facilities for the conference and hotels in the center of Turku are within walking distance from the meeting venue. Turku is served by an international airport with connections from Stockholm, Copenhagen, Gdansk, Riga and Helsinki and a port with ferries from Stockholm.

We look forward to meeting you in Turku in 2012

Tom Wiklund,
Chairman of the conference

JOBS

PROPAGATION SCIENCE TECHNICAL SPECIALIST – SEE ATTACHED UWSP WCFRU Propagation Science Technical Specialist.PDF

MICROBIOLOGIST I

**Washington State University
College Of Veterinary Medicine**

Full-time classified staff positions located in the **Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory**.

Located in the Aquatic Animal Health Section. **Job duties:** perform wide range of microbiologic assays on animal disease related samples from fish with particular emphasis on immunologic based assays (FA and ELISA), but also including isolation and identification of bacterial pathogens, cell culture, parasite sample preparation and screening. Other duties include collecting samples, performing and monitoring QC procedures in the performance of these assays,

and entering data into a laboratory information database. For additional information on this position contact Jim Thompson at (509) 335-6656.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: BS degree in microbiology, biology, fishery biology, or similar discipline.

SALARY RANGE: \$3,213-\$4,214/month

Applications may be requested by contacting Human Resource Services, 139 French Administration Bldg, Pullman, WA 99164-1014, phone (509) 335-4521, or by accessing website www.hrs.wsu.edu. **Applications must be received in Human Resource Services by September 6th, 2011.** WSU is an EO/AA educator and employer.

RESOURCES

FFN – GOOD SAMPLES CRITICAL FOR ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS – see attached FFN_3_11_Fish-Health-Notes.pdf

Thanks to Rod Getchell

PASSINGS

MEMORIAL – TERRY KREPS – SEE ATTACHED KREPS, TERRY – MEMORIAL.PDF

For those of you who did not know terry, he was a pathologist for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for many years – he will be missed.