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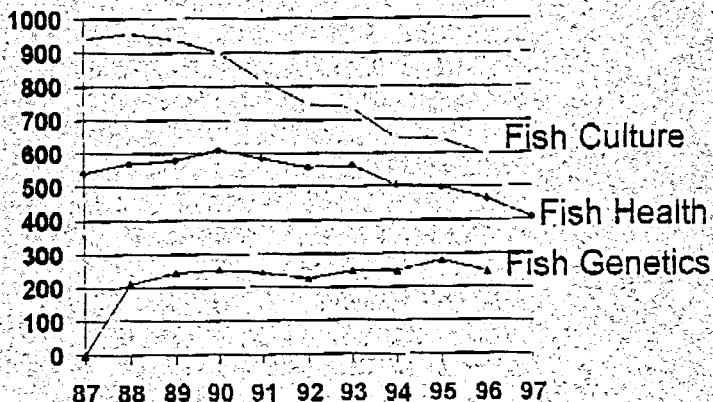
Dear Fish Health Section Members,

I want to present a report to you on the state of the Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society and, as I finish my term of office, my hopes for this wonderful organization. Our membership stood at 461 in 1996 and now stands at 409 in 1997. In fact, membership has been declining steadily since 1990 (see figure). The reasons for this decline are not clear but it appears to coincide with a policy change in the American Fisheries Society to advocate environmental issues. We, as an organization of professionals in fish health, must begin to consider what effect these issues will have on our future. It is a very important consideration if we are to keep our commitments to increase our membership and provide responsible leadership. These figures have direct bearing on the publication of our society's primary scientific publication, *Journal of Aquatic Animal Health*, and on the effectiveness of our collective voice in establishing procedures for the diagnosis,

certification, and treatment of fish and eggs for transport in the United States. For two years, the FHS-By-laws Review Committee under the leadership of Ron Thune and Ted Meyers has been working to develop a new set of Bylaws and a Procedure's Manual to change our committee structure, provide for an affiliate membership category, and add the office of Vice President. On August 23, 1997, the Governing Board of the American Fisheries Society voted at its annual meeting in Monterey, California to accept these changes. We may now proceed officially to change the committee structure, hold elections for the new positions created by these changes, and decide how to recruit our new affiliate members. I have worked with the Scott LaPatra (President) and the Executive Committee to make the following appointments for 1997-98. These appointments were made to assist the section in the transition from the old committee structure to the new one since approval for the Bylaws changes did not occur until August 23, 1997. (Next page)

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1. Archives -appointed by Pres.

Yolanda Brady remains as chair

Tony Amandi

Rod Getchell

2. Awards -appointed by Pres.

Larry Hanson Chair 97-98

Frank Hetrick, 2 years

John Fryer, 3 years

3. Nominating & Balloting Committee

(elected)

Jo-Ann Leong, CHair

John Plumb, 1 year

Diane Elliot, 2 years

Jill Jenkins, 1 year (interim)

4. Professional Standards (elected)

Ray Brunson, Chair

Debbie Bouchard

Scott Foottt

Dorothy Keiser

Richard Wolke

The new bylaws calls for a merger of Professional Standards Committee and Bd of Certification to form a single Professional Standards Committee with 3 members elected by the section for 3 years in a rotation. Ray Brunson is appointed for 1 year; the combined committee will decide on who will remain for years 1 and 2. Since the "old" BD of Certification members were appointed and the new Professional Standards committee must consist of elected members, Mike Kent and Martin Chen are no longer on this committee.

5. Technical Standards Committee (elected)

Paul Reno, Chair

Diane Elliot

Chris Horsch

Jim Bertolini

Ron Thune

Ralph Elston

Rod Horner

Kevin Amos

John Schachte

The new bylaws calls for the merger of the Bluebook advisory committee and the Technical Procedures committee to become the Technical Standards Committee. This committee will have 3 members elected by the section for 3 years in rotation. Because none of the members for both "old" committees were elected, all have to stand for election to the new committee. Paul Reno is appointed chair of the new combined committee and the newly configured committee will serve until the elections for members of a new committee are held.

6. Newsletter (appointed)

Beverly Dixon, Co-Editor

Ray Brunson, Co-Editor

Chris Wilson, Co-Editor

7. Program (appointed by Pres.)

Sarah Poynton, 1998 chair

Vice President, 1999 chair

(Note: 1999 Meeting will be held with the National AFS Meeting in Charlotte, NC).

8. Publications Advisory Committee

(appointed)

Vicki Blazer

Paul Bowser

Jim Winton

Christine Moffitt

9. Continuing Education

Craig Olsen, Chair

Bob Olson

Jan Glecker

Gary Fornshell

Joy Evered

Elections should be held for the following offices: position of Vice President, one position on the Professional Standards Committee for 3 years, three positions on the Technical Standards Committee for 1, 2, and 3 years respectively, and a position on the Nominating Committee for 3 years. I have asked the Nominations Committee to seek candidates for these positions. A ballot for the elections should be arriving soon. In the past year, issues regarding the relationship between Fish Health Professionals and Veterinarians have continued to be of great concern for the Section. Scott LaPatra (President Elect) and Jim Winton (Past President) have taken the lead in working with the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD), the U.S. Animal Health Association (USAHA), American Veterinary Medical Association Aquaculture and Seafood Advisory Committee (AVMA - ASAC) and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in developing a coordinated National Aquatic Animal Health Strategy. Scott has represented the Section at several meetings of the USAHA/AAVLD/ AVMA-ASAC and now belongs to both the USAHA and the AAVLD committees on Aquaculture. The committee on Aquaculture for the AAVLD is chaired by Jerry Heidel who states that the committee is "interested in all aspects of diagnostics as it relates to aquaculture."

The other issue that has generated a great deal of discussion by members of the Section is the use of advanced technologies in fish health management. We must begin to develop procedures for validating these technologies and decision making guidelines for the results of different diagnostic procedures. Joe Marcino, Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota, has agreed to chair an Ad Hoc Committee of the Fish Health Section on this issue. This committee will present the draft of a set of recommendations on the use of advanced technologies for the Technical Standards Committee at the next national meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. The Fish Health Section has met a number of challenges this year with some success. Our Bylaws were passed and we will be able to recruit affiliate members now. The Governing Board of the AFS applauded our decision to hold the 1999 national meeting of the FHS with the national meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. Bob Carline will be President of AFS at this session and he wants to work with us to strengthen our ties with the parent society. Christine Moffitt will be President of AFS in 2000 when the national meeting will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. Chris has asked us to consider holding our national meeting together with the AFS national meeting for that year as well. This past year has been a great learning year for me. I now understand the wisdom of the change in Bylaws calling for a Vice President's office. Just when you begin to understand the responsibilities of the office and make the appropriate contacts for the Section, the President's term of office ends. I want to thank Jerri Bartholomew, Secretary/Treasurer, for her invaluable help and Scott LaPatra for his tremendous enthusiasm and efforts to create liaisons with other organizations concerned with aquatic animal health. I leave the FHS in very capable hands.

--Jo-Ann Leong, Past President, AFS-FHS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health August 30 -September 3, 1998 Baltimore, Maryland, USA

The 3rd International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health will be held in Baltimore on the east coast of the USA from August 30 until September 3, 1998. The symposium will be the first major international meeting to focus comprehensive presentation and discussion on the health of a diversity of aquatic animals including shellfish, fish and marine mammals.

The symposium will be sponsored by the American Fisheries Society -Fish Health Section, Asian Fisheries Society, European Association of Fish Pathologists, International Association for Aquatic Animal Medicine, Japanese Society of Fish Pathology, and the National Shellfisheries Association. The meeting is supported by the John Hopkins University and the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

For further information please contact: Dr. Sarah L. Poynton, Division of Comparative Medicine, John Hopkins University School of Medicine, Ross Research Building 4th Floor, 720 Rutland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205 USA, ph: (1) 410-955-3273, Fax: (1) 410-550-5068, E-mail: spoynton@welchlink.welch.jhu.edu.

The Fourth International Symposium on Viruses of Lower Vertebrates 12-15 May, 1998 Weymouth, UK

This symposium will be **limited to 60 participants**. To be placed on the mailing list to receive further information about the Symposium and a Second announcement, please contact: Mrs. H. Cobbold, Symposium Secretariat, International Symposium on Viruses of Lower Vertebrates, CEFAS Weymouth Laboratory, Barrack Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 8UB, UK

13th Annual U.S. Landscape Ecology Meeting Michigan State University 17-21 March, 1998

The next meeting of the US Regional Association, International Association for Landscape Ecology, "Applications of Landscape Ecology in Natural Resource Management", will be held at MSU, East Lansing, Michigan. Fisheries, human dimensions, planning, range, soils, timber, water, wildlife and other resource subjects will be emphasized. The deadline for abstracts is 31 October 1997. For information about abstract submission, symposium proposal submission, local arrangements and travel, please refer to the meeting web site: www.fw.msu.edu/iale98. Local Hosts: Jianguo Liu and William W. Taylor, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 13 Natural Resources Bldg, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824; 517-355-1810 (phone); 517-432-1699 (fax); iale98@perm3.fw.msu.edu.

23rd ANNUAL EASTERN FISH HEALTH WORKSHOP MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 1998

The 1998 Eastern Fish Health Workshop will be sponsored by the National Fish Health Research Laboratory (Kearneysville, WV) at The John Carver Inn, in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Registration will begin on Monday, 30 March from 5:00-7:00 pm, followed by three full-day sessions, March 31 - April 2. Sessions will include oral presentations of research studies and clinical reports as well as workshops on current trends in fish immunology and diseases of marine mammals. Tours of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole are also planned.

Lodging accommodations must be made with The John Carver Inn at (508) 746-7100 or (800) 274-1620. The Inn provides a special room rate of \$58.00+tax/night (+\$10.00 for each additional person/room). Identify your affiliation with the Eastern Fish Health Workshop to secure reservations at these prices before 1 March 1998. Visit the Inn's web site (<http://media3.com/johncarverinn>) and take a step back in history to review the birth of America and explore the many attractions that await you in this quaint New England seaport (<http://bestreadguide.com/plymouth/index.html>).

A \$75.00 registration fee (U.S. currency equivalent) includes workshop proceedings, refreshments, continental breakfasts and luncheons on each day of the proceedings. Please make checks payable to the "Eastern Fish Health Workshop c/o Rocco Cipriano" and return payment with your completed registration form by 15 February 1998. Contracts for food services necessitate a late registration fee of \$85.00 after this date.

For additional information, contact:

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DIRECTIONS TO THE JOHN CARVER INN:

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By automobile: From Route 3, take exit 6 on to Route 44 East towards the historic Plymouth waterfront. Turn right at the traffic lights onto Route 3A South. Turn right onto Leyden Street (by the CVS Pharmacy) then bear left. The John Carver Inn is immediately on your right.

By airplane: Plymouth is approximately a 45 minute drive from Logan International Airport. In addition to all major car rentals, the Plymouth and Brockton Bus Company has daily shuttle service from Logan International Airport to Plymouth (about \$13.00 one-way and \$23.00 round-trip). It is then a short taxi ride from the shuttle stop in Plymouth to the John Carver Inn (about \$5.00). For reservations and schedules, the shuttle service may be contacted at <http://www.p-b.com/index.html> or at (508) 746-0378.

PRESENTATIONS AND ABSTRACTS

Only oral presentations will be made using 2x2 photographic slides. Talks should be 12 minutes and allow 3 minutes for questions. Submit abstracts by **15 February 1998**.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF ABSTRACTS

1. Limit abstract to a single 8.5"x11" page keeping print within 1.5" margins on all sides.
2. Type abstract in Word Perfect format using a Courier 10 font. Denote genus and species with italic script.
3. Capitalize only the first letter of each word in the title.
4. Provide a double-space between the title and authors; a single-space between the authors and their affiliations; and a double-space between the affiliations and main body of the abstract.
5. Underline the name of the author who will give the oral presentation and use numeric superscripts for affiliations.
6. Store your abstract on a 3.5" disk. Disks must be mailed by 15 February 1998, to:
Dr. Rocco C. Cipriano
National Fish Health Research Laboratory
1700 Leetown Road
Kearneysville, WV 25430

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Make registration checks (\$75.00 U.S. currency or equivalent; \$85.00 after 15 February 1998) payable to "Eastern Fish Health Workshop c/o Rocco Cipriano". Use a separate form per registrant.

The John Carver Inn boasts the Hearth and Kettle Restaurant open to the public. There are also many fine restaurants in close proximity to the Inn. However, if a spouse or guest wishes to join us for lunch, a meal package may be purchased for \$45.00.

Lunches will include Pasta Primavera (on 3/31), Roast Turkey (on 4/1), Seafood Medley (on 4/2).

Colonial Lantern Tour. What? Travel to Plymouth and not learn its historic past or learn its legends and ghostly haunts! Explore the historic district and waterfront with a professional guide who makes the past come alive today. On this one mile, leisurely walk each participant carries a candlelit, punched-tin lantern and learns that Plymouth is much more than Pilgrims. The evening tour is optional but should you wish to attend, please submit \$10.00 per person with your registration fee. Guests are welcome.

Registration fee: (\$75.00 before 1 March 1998)

\$ _____ Luncheon plan for guests (\$45.00 per person)

No. _____

\$ _____ Colonial Lantern Tour (\$10.00 per person)

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\$ _____ # Total amount enclosed

Mail by 15 February 1998 to: Dr. Rocco C. Cipriano, National Fish Health Research Laboratory, 1700 Leetown Road, Kearneysville, WV25430.

ERRATUM

I would like to apologize for an error we have made with reference to a virus observed in koi in California. In the last issue of the American Fisheries Society Fish Health Section **Newsletter 25(3)1-2** we stated "to the best of our knowledge the first observation of a true poxvirus from fish". Our knowledge was not very complete. We have since discovered that this virus and the condition it causes had been observed in fancy carp in Niigata Prefecture, Japan since 1984 (Ono et al., *Fish Pathology* 21(3)167-175, 1986). We had missed this important earlier work by Professor Ono. Subsequent to our newsletter submission a report was published by Oyamatsu et al. 1997 (*Fish Pathology* 32(3) 81-88) that further describes properties of the agent and disease it causes. The virus is referred to as carp edema virus (CEV). I apologize to my Japanese colleagues for my oversight in failing to properly acknowledge their work. We are currently with Professor Fukuda, Laboratory of Aquatic Pathology, Tokyo University of Fisheries in better characterizing the agent we have found here in North America.

-Ronald P. Hedrick

ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE

Larisa is no longer editing the newsletter. Please submit all you newsletter articles and announcements to Dr. Beverly Dixon (address on last page of this newsletter)

FHS PARTICIPATION IN THE AVMA ASAC MEETING

Scott LaPatra, President

During the Fish Health Section (FHS) annual meeting in Madison, WI last year, the membership voted unanimously to support an active role of the FHS on issues of importance to the Section. One of those issues was for the American Fisheries Society FHS to cofacilitate with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) further work towards development of a National Aquatic Animal Health Strategy Plan. The FHS met with the AVMA Aquaculture and Seafood Advisory Committee (ASAC) at their most recent meeting which occurred in conjunction with the World Aquaculture Society meeting in Seattle. This committee is an advisory committee to the executive board of the AVMA on issues regarding aquaculture. During our meeting I explained to the committee about who, what, where, when and why the FHS exists. I also explained our work with the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and laboratory accreditation procedures and the United States Animal Health Association resolution that had passed (FHS Newsletter 25 (1): 1-2). I also stressed the change in our Bylaws regarding affiliate membership and how the FHS was interested in veterinarians becoming more involved with the section and taking advantage of our already established programs and expertise. This was well received and we agreed to write a joint letter to the Departments of the Interior, Commerce and Agriculture requesting their cooperation in development of a National Aquatic Animal Health Strategy Plan.

Nominations were recently opened for several positions on the AVMA ASAC whose term had expired including a representative from the aquaculture industry that was a non-DVM. Due to the efforts of Ray Brunson and Drs. Joy Evered and Phil Mamer, I was nominated and appointed to the AVMA ASAC. In this capacity I will strive to keep the Section updated on the Committee activities and continue to foster a collaborative relationship between the FHS and the AVMA ASAC.

Fish Health Section Newsletter

The Fish Health Section Newsletter is a quarterly publication of the Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society. Submissions on a topic of interest to fish health specialists are encouraged with the understanding that material is not peer reviewed. Articles should not exceed two newsletter pages and should not have more than five references. Submissions should be submitted on disk in Word perfect 5.1 or in a generic form that can be read on WP5.1 for IBM. Disks will be returned if a SASE is included with your submitted article. Also, we will be glad to publish any abstract of a paper that has been submitted to the *Journal of Aquatic Animal Health* (whether accepted or not by JAAH). Submissions should be addressed to the editor listed below:

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