



# Fish Health Section



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## FHS NEWS

### 2014 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH

Portland, Oregon  
Aug 31 – Sept 4, 2014



Abstracts and Early Registration must be submitted by May 31.

#### Registration is open:

<https://conferences.bus.oregonstate.edu/Conference/isaah/registration>

#### Abstract submission:

<https://conferences.bus.oregonstate.edu/Conference/isaah-abstracts/registration>

Please join us for the **7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health** (ISAAH-7) in Portland, Oregon (August 31 – September 4, 2014). ISAAH has been held every four years since the first meeting in Vancouver in 1988. Since you attended the last ISAAH in Tampa in 2010 you already know that this is a great opportunity to interact with fellow aquatic animal health professionals from throughout the world. The best of Portland and our global ISAAH community await you!

The preliminary program has been posted and the social events will be appearing soon. We are looking forward to a great meeting.

Please visit the ISAAH-7 website for more information, it is being updated periodically with new information and things to do in Portland:

<http://isaah-7.science.oregonstate.edu/>

## STUDENT MEMBERS

A new student profile has been posted on the student web site. Daniel Hernandez, a PhD student at University of Washington, is our featured student. To learn more about Daniel and his background, please go to <http://afs-fhs-students.blogspot.com>.

The student program for the 2014 ISAAH is being finalized and more details should be available soon. As of right now, there is a workshop planned for students on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, and a student-professional mixer on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Check out the website: <http://isaah-7.science.oregonstate.edu/students>

We'd also like to remind advisors to encourage their students to sign up and get involved in the Fish Health Section. If you have any news/information you'd like posted on the student website or would like to volunteer for the next profile, please contact Sarah McConnachie and Amy Long at [student.section.fhs@gmail.com](mailto:student.section.fhs@gmail.com).

## **JOBS**

### **LABORATORY TECHNICIAN**

The USGS - Marrowstone Marine Field Station is advertising for a Laboratory Technician (GS-7) to join our fish health team. A complete position description and application instructions can be found on USA Jobs (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>), Announcement #PAC-2014-0350. Closing date is April 8, 2014. For more information, please contact Paul Hershberger ([phershberger@usgs.gov](mailto:phershberger@usgs.gov)).

## **RESOURCES**

### **OIE DOCUMENTS FOR COMMENT – see website for documents**

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a/APHIS\\_Content\\_Library/SA\\_Our\\_Focus/SA\\_Animal\\_Health/SA\\_OIE\\_International\\_Standards](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a/APHIS_Content_Library/SA_Our_Focus/SA_Animal_Health/SA_OIE_International_Standards)

In the February 2014 report from the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (AAHSC) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), one (1) document, the Guide to the Use of the Aquatic Animal Health Code was provided for comment to Member countries. This Guide has been significantly amended taking into account the revised 'User's Guide' being proposed for the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

The guide is in the attached file: Guide to the Use of the Aquatic Animal Code

Should you submit comments back to my office on this document, please note the following due date and procedures:

- **Due date of Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for comment submission** to [Paul.G.Egrie@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Paul.G.Egrie@aphis.usda.gov)

-If you do have comments on the attached document, please utilize the following procedures in their preparation:

- a) identify the specific text you are commenting on
- b) indicate the changes you believe should be made

- c) provide suggested language that should replace the changes you are making (if any)
- d) provide a scientific justification or rationale for such changes

On the February 2014 report from the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (AAHSC) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), four (4) documents were provided for adoption into the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals (MANUAL) at the 82<sup>nd</sup> General Session (GS82) in May 2014 in Paris, France. The amendments are shown in the usual manner by 'double underline' and '~~strikethrough~~' and are **highlighted**.

The chapters for adoption are attached and listed below.

1. Infection with infectious salmon anaemia virus (Chapter 2.3.5.)
2. Infection with ostreid herpesvirus 1 microvariants (Chapter 2.4.9.)
3. Infection with salmonid alphavirus virus (Chapter 2.3.X.)
4. Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis (Chapter 2.2.2.)

Please let me know by Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> if you have any concerns with these MANUAL chapters proposed for adoption.

In the February 2014 report from the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (AAHSC) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), fourteen (14) documents were provided for adoption into the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code (CODE) at the 82<sup>nd</sup> General Session (GS82) in May 2014 in Paris, France. The amendments are shown in the usual manner by 'double underline' and '~~strikethrough~~' and are **highlighted**.

The chapters for adoption are listed below.

1. Glossary
2. Notification of diseases and epidemiological information (Chapter 1.1.)
3. Criteria for listing an emerging disease (Chapter 1.2.)
4. Diseases listed by the OIE (Chapter 1.3.) (Note: Infection with Ostreid Herpesvirus-1 Microvariant meets the definition for an emerging disease, and, therefore the obligation to report the occurrence of this disease would remain as per provisions of Chapter 1.1.)
5. Import risk analysis (Chapter 2.1.)
6. Quality of Aquatic Animal Health Services (Chapter 3.1.)
7. General obligations related to certification (Chapter 5.1.)
8. Certification procedures (Chapter 5.2.)
9. Necrotising hepatopancreatitis (Chapter 9.4.)
10. Model Chapter X.X. (The model chapter describes horizontal amendments that will be applied in all disease-specific chapters.)
11. Yellow head disease (Chapter 9.8.)
12. Infection with Infectious salmon anaemia virus (Chapter 10.5.)
13. Infection with Salmonid alphavirus (new chapter 10.X.)

14. Criteria for determining susceptibility of aquatic animals to specific pathogenic agents (new Chapter X.X.)

Please let me know by Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> if you have any concerns with these CODE chapters proposed for adoption.

We will post this chapter on the following Veterinary Services web page shortly:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a/APHIS\\_Content\\_Library/SA\\_Our\\_Focus/SA\\_Animal\\_Health/SA\\_OIE\\_International\\_Standards](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth?1dmy&urile=wcm%3apath%3a/APHIS_Content_Library/SA_Our_Focus/SA_Animal_Health/SA_OIE_International_Standards)

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and to share these documents with others whom you believe would provide valuable input.

Thank you,

Gary

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**AQUAFOR UPDATE – see attached Drug update\_Aquaflor**

**LOOKING FOR ASSOCIATE EDITORS – see attached Questions....doc**

The American Fisheries Society is looking for volunteers with fish health and fish culture experience to serve as Associate Editors for a proposed new journal 'Applied Aquatic Sciences.' Please see the attached file for details and contact Bob Hughes ([hughes.bob@amnisopes.com](mailto:hughes.bob@amnisopes.com)) if you are interested in volunteering.

**And if anyone has been wondering  
what Charlie Smith is up to.....**

