



# Fish Health Section



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

## FHS NEWS

### FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

Hello everyone!

Don't forget ALL nominations and packages for awards must be completed no later than APRIL 1, 2011. There has been some confusion in the past, this year we will NOT be accepting late packages from anyone. Thank you for your time and consideration.

### STUDENTS!!!

Don't delay in putting in your application for the Snieszko Student Travel Award! Please follow the new directions and submit the complete package no later than April 1, 2011.

### SNIESZKO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This is the highest award in the FHS presented for the purpose of honoring individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health. The criteria for this award are as follows:

- \* Individuals to be considered for this award must be nominated by a current member of the FHS.
- \* Persons making nominations must obtain six letters of recommendation from fish health professionals that support the nominee's dedication to research, teaching an/or service to the field of aquatic animal health. The six letters along with the curriculum vitae for the nominee should be sent to the Award Committee with a letter of nomination.
- \* Because this is a career award, candidates should have a significant number of active years in science within the fish or shellfish health field as well as significant accomplishments, which are not limited to but can include the following examples:
  - o Candidates should have a significant number of research publications in recognized peer reviewed journals and/or book chapters and books within the subject of fish or shellfish health.
  - o A candidate must have been active in finfish and shellfish health research or diagnostics as indicated by significant publications and/or secured grants for graduate student thesis projects, and/or administration of a successful finfish or shellfish health program or laboratory.
  - o Accomplishment by a candidate of a major discovery regarding a new finfish or shellfish disease or diseases and/or continued significant contributions to the understanding of a previously discovered disease or diseases.

o Previous recognition by peer through other society, committee or distinguished service awards and/or by elected or appointed chair/presidential positions.

FHS members interested in nominating an individual for this award should send the required materials as described above to Deborah Iwanowicz no later than April 1, 2011.

### **SNIESZKO STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS**

This award, a sum of up to \$1000, is awarded to one or more students yearly to defray travel to the Annual FHS meeting to present a talk in the aquatic animal health field. The requirements from student applications are as follows:

- \* Letter of application and statement of any special financial circumstances (i.e. not supported by a stipend, etc.)
- \* Curriculum vitae must be submitted along with three letters of recommendation
- \* Itemized budget on how money is to be spent, i.e. travel, meals, lodging and registration
- \* Copy of abstract of paper to be presented
- \* The student **MUST** be a member of the AFS/Fish Health Section

The applications will be judged by the following criteria:

- \* Quality of abstract
- \* Significance of/interest in the research
- \* Academic achievement
- \* Professional achievement
- \* Financial need

Students interested in applying for the Snieszko Student Travel Awards should prepare an application packet containing the above items and put it in pdf format. Send complete pdf to Deborah Iwanowicz no later than April 1, 2011.

Pdf packet should include (in order): 1) Letter of application and statement of any special circumstances, 2) CV, 3) Three letters of recommendation, 4) Itemized budget, 5) Copy of abstract to be submitted.

#### **Awards Contact:**

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## **FHS NOMINATIONS – FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The time has come to nominate individuals for our 2011 section election. Positions open to election include positions in the Professional Standards, Technical Standards, Policy/Position Development, and Nominating and Balloting committees as well as Vice President. This is a great opportunity for seasoned professionals to help lead the section, and young professionals to become more involved. Nominations can be made for oneself or someone you know. The duties of all positions as well as a list of individuals currently serving as section officers or as committee members can be found at <http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/committees.php>

All nominees must be FHS members and, if elected, they must also be an AFS member during their tenure as the committee chairperson or as a section officer. For a person to serve on the Professional Standards committee they must also be a certified Fish Health Inspector, a certified Fish Pathologist or a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Nominations will be accepted until 4 PM (CST) April 1, 2011. If you are interested in being considered for any of these positions or would like to nominate someone please contact me.

Thanks,

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## **JOINT ANNUAL FHS MEETING AND 52<sup>ND</sup> WESTERN FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP**

June 14-16, 2011  
Nanaimo B.C.

The Aquatic Animal Health Section at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, BC invite you to attend the **2011 Joint AFS Fish Health Section and Western Fish Disease Meeting** on June 15-16, 2011 at the Nanaimo Conference Center. The workshop will be preceded by a full day continuing education session on June 14th. Registration and additional information will be available soon at <http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/index.php>. **Now is the time to reserve the dates on your calendar and make your room reservations.**

**\*Please remember that if you are traveling from the US, a valid passport is**

**now mandatory for both air and land travel.**

**Lodging:** There are 2 hotels in the downtown area of Nanaimo that will be offering conference rates for this meeting. These hotels are situated directly across from each other and are ½ block away from the Conference centre.

**Best Western Dorchester:** [www.dorchesternanaimo.com](http://www.dorchesternanaimo.com)

Room rates: \$109/night (Cdn). Rooms will be held under “Western Fish Disease Workshop” for individual call reservations. Please call the Toll Free reservations telephone line at 1-800-661-2449 to confirm reservations with this group.

**Coast Bastion Inn:**

[http://www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/bc/nanaimo/coast\\_bastion/overview](http://www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/bc/nanaimo/coast_bastion/overview)

Room rates: \$129-\$189/night (Cdn). Rooms will be held under “Western Fish Disease Workshop” for individual call reservations. Please call the toll free reservations telephone line at 1-800-663-1144 to confirm reservations with this group. To book online please go to website below to check for availability and enter group code CBI-GFC7234 on reservation page.

### **Schedule of Events:**

An evening social will be held on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Continuing Education session will take place on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm. General session will be held from Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> until June 16<sup>th</sup>. Depending on the number of submissions, the meeting may take all of June 16. A banquet will be held on the evening of June 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be an Executive Committee meeting during one lunch break to discuss FHS business and future meetings.

Registration Costs (either Cdn or US dollars):

Registration (FHS members)	\$200
(Non-FHS members)	\$225
Student FHS Members	\$175
Continuing Education Session	\$75 (includes lunch)

Registration includes social, breaks and banquet fees. Extra banquet Tickets can be purchased for \$40 Cdn. Lunch will be provided on **Wednesday, June 15th**

### **Continuing Education Session:**

This year’s continuing education session will focus on the **Practical Tools for Managing Bacterial Kidney Disease**. This one day workshop will aim to address, in lecture format, state-of-knowledge presentations on BKD diagnosis and tools for its management including husbandry, therapeutic treatment, vaccination and brood stock selection. The workshop will include a roundtable

discussion by all participants on current knowledge and look to identify areas requiring additional research. The workshop will be facilitated by Dr. Laura Brown from the Pacific Biological Station.

Topics will include:

- Historical Context
- Diagnostic Tools
- Husbandry
- Therapeutic Options
- Immunology and Vaccine Development
- Breeding Programs
- Resistance
- Roundtable discussion

### **Recreational Activities:**

Vancouver Island is a prime holiday destination for enjoying fishing, hiking, scenic outings and generally a fun time. Hence it is a great venue for conferences and meetings. Please visit <http://www.hellobc.com/en-CA/RegionsCities/VancouverIsland.htm> to get a preview.

**Important Dates: April 29, 2011  
June 01, 2011**

**Deadline for abstract submission  
Deadline for registration**

### **Contact Information:**

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

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### **ABSTRACTS DUE APRIL 29, 2011**

Please prepare abstracts in Microsoft Word format and email as an attachment to Dr. Simon Jones ([Simon.Jones@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Simon.Jones@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)) by April 29, 2011. Power Point will be the format for all oral presentations.

### **Guidelines for Abstract Preparation**

1. Abstract must fit on single side page with margins set at 1.5" on all sides.
2. Use Times New Roman 12 pitch font

3. Center the title and use all capitals. Genus and species names should be in italics.
4. Provide a double space between the title and authors.
5. For each author provide first name, middle initial and last name. Use bold script for author presenting the paper. Follow each name with a numeric superscript to denote affiliations.
6. Provide a single space between authors and affiliations. Affiliations should include mailing address plus postal/zip code.
7. Provide double space between affiliations and body of the abstract.
8. Provide a double space between the body of the abstract and an indication of whether you prefer oral presentation or poster.
9. If you are a student presenter and wish to be considered for the Best Student Paper Award, write student after Oral Presentation.

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

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

**2011 SALMON DISEASE WORKSHOP – REGISTRATION OPEN**

[http://microbiology.science.oregonstate.edu/salmon\\_disease\\_workshop](http://microbiology.science.oregonstate.edu/salmon_disease_workshop)

July 11-22

Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

**This workshop is designed for professionals working in the fish health field and will emphasize recent advances and developments in our understanding of salmonid diseases. The workshop is limited to 20 participants on a first come, first served basis.**

- Current immunological and molecular techniques
- Sampling for pathogens in wild populations
- New and emerging fish pathogens
- Cell culture techniques, including maintenance of cultures and viral identification
- Histopathology associated with salmonid diseases
- Current status of important viral, bacterial, and parasitic pathogens
- Salmonid disease treatment practices in Pacific Northwest hatcheries
- Epidemiology

**Cost of the workshop is \$950. To register:**

<https://conferences.bus.oregonstate.edu/Registration/Index/2011-salmon-disease-workshop>

**For more information or if you wish to receive graduate credit contact:**

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***The Gem - off campus studios or apartments w/kitchen, private bath, linens, internet access:***

**<http://www.housingnorthwest.org/studenthousing/osu/index.asp>**

## **EAFP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Split, Croatia

September 12-16, 2011

The Fifteenth International Conference on Diseases of Fish and Shellfish will be hosted by the European Association of Fish Pathologists (EAFP) at the new Radisson Blu Resort. This is a large conference and is a great forum for exchange of information with other fish health scientists from throughout the world. From Monday September 12 through Thursday September 15 there will a full scientific program of keynotes, oral presentations, dedicated poster sessions, workshops and roundtables. An EAFP plenary session is also scheduled. The **deadline for presentation abstracts is April 8, 2011, and the deadline for early registration rates is May 13, 2011**. For further information about the scientific and social programs, abstract submission, registration, optional workshops and study visits, and the stunning conference venue on the Adriatic Sea, please visit the conference website at <http://eafp.org/second-announcement/>.

## **RESOURCES**

**HELP SAVE THE INSTITUTE OF AQUACULTURE! – see attached loA Support Letter; General Letter requesting loA Support**

Like many other programs, the Institute of Aquaculture (IoA) at the University of Stirling in the UK is experiencing significant budget issues. Unfortunately, the U of Stirling administration has proposed cutting up to 36 faculty and/or staff from this world-renowned program. Effectively, this would gut the research program there, and would seriously impact the aquaculture research community as a whole. Attached is a request for support from the IoA, and the response from the FCS EXCOM and the Editors of NAJA. If you feel, as we do, that the IoA is too important to be cut in this aggressive manner, I encourage you to write your own letter of support (preferably within the next few days, if possible). Please feel free to use any of the content of “IoA Support Letter...” in drafting your own response in support of the IoA. Information on where to submit your comments is included in “General Letter...” document.

Please keep in mind that this is the kind of thing that the FCS can do on behalf of our colleagues throughout the world, as well as our domestic programs should they be threatened by budgetary constraints. We are aware of proposed cuts to hatcheries and other fish culture-related programs in the President’s FY 2012 budget, and are working with the AFS Policy Coordinator to supply information to decision-makers about the impacts of these cuts through the appropriate

channels. If you have information or thoughts on these issues, please send them to me at [saluski@siu.edu](mailto:saluski@siu.edu) as soon as possible.

Thanks!

--Jesse

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### **AADAP NEWSLETTER**

The latest issue of the AADAP Newsletter (Vol 7-1) is now available to view or download for printing. To view click on the following link and click on the pdf version link to download.

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

As always, please contact us if you have any questions or comments on recent changes, or anything else related to the Newsletter or AADAP's website. Don't forget to pass this on to others that you feel may benefit from the information within the Newsletter.

Cheers.

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