

Call for Abstracts

IIFET 2006 Portsmouth:

Rebuilding Fisheries in an Uncertain Environment

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The International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET) is the only global professional organisation devoted to improving our understanding of all aspects of fisheries and aquaculture economics and seafood trade. Members include academic economists, fisheries managers, seafood industry members, international organisations and national government representatives. Anyone with an interest in fisheries and aquaculture economics and seafood trade is welcome to join (contact the IIFET Secretariat or visit <http://oregonstate.edu/Dept/IIFET/> for details). IIFET invites you to participate in its thirteenth biennial conference, IIFET 2006 Portsmouth, organised by CEMARE.

CEMARE is one of Europe's leading research institutes specialising in the economics of fisheries, aquaculture and the management of marine and freshwater environments. In addition to being a substantial centre for research, consultancy, training and advanced studies in these areas, CEMARE provides policy advice at national and international levels.

IIFET 2006 Portsmouth: Rebuilding Fisheries in an Uncertain Environment

IIFET 2006 Portsmouth will provide a forum for participants to discuss the current state of the world's fisheries and exchange ideas on the best means to rebuild those that have been damaged by natural disasters or human activities. In addition to providing the fisheries and aquaculture economics community with an opportunity to share its research through the presentation of papers and posters, debate will be further stimulated by panel discussions, special sessions and keynote addresses.

The main themes of the conference will be:

- Fish for the future: recovering fisheries from crisis or collapse
- Ocean management: fisheries and the ecosystem

In addition to these, other significant themes will include:

- Aquaculture
- Development
- International Trade
- Marketing
- Modelling
- Policy and Management

To encourage lively and well-balanced debate, we welcome participation from academics, industry leaders and government decision-makers. Economists and other social scientists, biologists, ecologists, resource users and managers, seafood traders, distributors and marketers, policy-makers, government representatives, legal scholars and historians are all invited to submit abstracts for consideration. By including contributions from a variety of disciplines, IIFET 2006 Portsmouth hopes to provide a programme that will foster debate, broaden thinking and provide an opportunity for new questions to be asked and to consider new answers to old questions.

Please visit the conference website at www.iifet2006.org (currently under construction) for more details.

Main Conference Themes

Fish for the future: recovering fisheries from crisis or collapse

A number of fisheries around the world have reached crisis point or moved beyond it to the point of collapse. The aim of this major conference theme is to provide a forum for papers that attempt to answer or inform the big question: how do we best achieve recovery? Issues to be addressed could include: what is recovery? How do different stakeholders define it and how could it be measured? Do we need to shift to a new management paradigm in order to achieve recovery? How do we avoid a recurrence of these problems in the future?

Ocean management: fisheries and the ecosystem

The marine environment is coming under increasing pressure from a range of activities. As a result, there is a growing need to develop ocean management policies, of which fisheries management is one vital component. The effect of fisheries on the natural environment is an externality that will need to be explicitly considered in the development of ocean policy. Determining these effects requires not only an assessment of scientific

impacts, but also an evaluation of the broader economic costs of the inflicted damage and the benefits of conservation. Amongst others, suitable topics for inclusion in these sessions are fishery-environment interaction, evaluating impacts on the marine environment, the role of economic indicators and indices, and marine spatial planning.

Other Conference Themes

Aquaculture

Aquaculture is a traditional IIFET theme and papers dealing with any aspect of the economics of aquaculture are welcome. For IIFET 2006 Portsmouth, the organisers particularly welcome the submission of papers relating to stock enhancement, open ocean aquaculture, interaction between farmed and wild stock and the interaction between aquaculture and the environment. Markets for aquaculture products – new, native and traditional – may also be addressed under the International Trade and Marketing topics described below.

Development

Of the estimated 51 million people who rely on fisheries and associated activities for their livelihoods, around 6 million full-time fishers, resident in some of the world's poorest countries, earn less than US\$1 a day. The United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDG) emphasise the contribution of sustainable fisheries to poverty alleviation and aim to reduce poverty levels. Ecologically sustainable development, on the other hand, seeks to integrate short and long term economic, social and environmental effects into the fishery-related decision making of government and industry. To consider this particular problem, we invite the submission of papers on MDG and fisheries, poverty alleviation, ensuring livelihoods of economically vulnerable fishing communities, sustainable fishing practices, societal goals and values, acceptable levels of exploitation of fish stocks, the regulation of fisheries and ecologically and economically sustainable fisheries.

International Trade

These sessions will provide a broad platform for discussion of issues and problems related to trade in fish and fish products from both fishing and aquaculture. This complex, multi-faceted problem concerns both developed and developing countries. Papers are solicited across a broad array of topics including, but not limited to:

- Competing goals and objectives of agencies and organisations concerned with fish and fish products trade (including fishermen, other commercial interests, environmental interests, national governments, international groups, and other participants to be identified);
- The practical realities of fish and fish products trade, including energy costs, illegal fishing, and impacts of trade on food security to developing countries;
- Policy and policy directions affecting fish and fish products trade (both direct and indirect), including market liberalisation, safety and quality issues, the GATT/WTO round, trade and environment, eco-labelling, IUU and trade measures and supply chain measures.

Marketing

Maximising and adding to the value of fishery and aquaculture products is becoming increasingly important in the light of dwindling stock health, shrinking profit margins and environmental and developmental sustainability issues. The organisers invite the submission of papers dealing with topics such as demand and supply analysis, product certification and traceability schemes including eco-labelling and market and supply channel analysis.

Modelling

Theoretical and empirical bioeconomic modelling and analysis is always a core conference theme. As the pressure on fish resources has increased, so too has the need for more detailed and reliable simulation and prediction tools for the provision of management advice. Modelling papers that address one of the two main themes outlined above (to which modelling is particularly pertinent) will be evaluated accordingly. However, in addition to these, we invite the submission of papers dealing with both conceptual and applied issues for which this will be the most appropriate session.

Policy and Management

Policy directions and management options are of central importance to the healthy operation of fisheries and supporting sectors. Topics for inclusion in this theme may include: 1) futures analysis and long-term policy vision; 2) coping with risk and uncertainty; 3) trade-offs and hierarchy in management objectives; 4) market-based incentives; 5) command and control vs. economic incentives; 6) taxation; 7) direct and indirect subsidisation; 8) community-based management and co-management approaches.

In addition to the themes outlined above, ideas are being collected for other topics. Please contact themes@iifet2006.org with your suggestions.

Special Sessions

1. Management of High Seas Fisheries

According to the Law of the Sea, the high seas beyond 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) are deemed international common property open to all nations. The inadequacy of this legal setting as a means of dealing with the sustainable management of fish stocks has been proved by the many conflicts between fishing nations and the severe depletion of many straddling and highly migratory fish stocks. According to the 1995 UN Fish Stock Agreement, coastal countries and distant water fishing nations should cooperate in the management of these stocks through Regional Fisheries Management Operations (RFMO), whose objective is the long run sustainability of stocks. The success of RFMO remains to be seen. The session will deal with theoretical issues regarding the management of straddling and highly migratory fish stocks in addition to a number of case studies.

Organisers: Prof. Trond Bjørndal, WorldFish Centre and Prof. Gordon Munro, University of British Columbia

2. Post-Tsunami Damage Assessment and Rehabilitation

This session aims to bring together international experts, including IIFET members from the tsunami-affected countries, to evaluate the performance of rehabilitation efforts and to identify options for rebuilding or improving livelihood opportunities for tsunami affected communities. Economic and policy implications of restoring the region's fishing and aquaculture capacities will also be explored.

Organisers: Madan Dey, WorldFish Centre and Robert Pomeroy, University of Connecticut

3. The Economic Effects of Climate Change on Fisheries

A number of studies have documented the ecological impacts of global climate change on aquatic resources. Historically, climate change has been implicated in the observed fluctuations in abundance of many fish species, including the small pelagic species that provide protein, income security and livelihoods to coastal communities. The majority of those dependent on fisheries are small scale or artisanal fishers in coastal areas; hence any changes in the abundance of fish populations and fish stock levels have implications for coastal

communities. The threat of climate change exacerbates the vulnerability of poor households that are dependent on fisheries for consumption and income. Impact of climate change on fisheries also has implications for future supply and demand for fisheries at the global level with consequent effects on prices and trade. However, documented studies on the economic analysis of climate change impact on fisheries are still very few. This session will provide a forum for discussing methodological and empirical findings on the socio-economic consequences of the impact of global climate change on aquatic resources.

Organiser: Mahfuz Ahmed, WorldFish Centre

A number of other special sessions are being developed for inclusion in the programme (further details of which will appear on the website in due course). Initial suggestions include:

- Trade, Environment and the Poor
- Rights-based Fisheries and Co- and Community Based Fisheries Management
- Measurement and Impacts of Subsidies in International Fisheries
- Capacity Reduction Programmes, including “Buybacks”
- Ecosystem Management
- Biodiversity and Protected Species Management
- Cumulative Effects of Fishery Management
- Interjurisdictional Management of Aquatic Ecosystems

Individuals or organisations interested in organising additional special sessions should contact the conference organiser.

Call for Abstracts

IIFET and CEMARE invite you to submit abstracts for papers and/or e-posters* for presentation at IIFET 2006 Portsmouth. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **Friday 10 February 2006**. You will be notified of the Scientific Committee’s decision to accept or decline your abstract by **10 March 2006**.

Whilst the call for abstracts is open, the Scientific Committee will be reviewing all submitted abstracts for quality and relevance in order of receipt. Those abstracts accepted by the Committee will then be tentatively allocated to a session. To achieve a balanced programme, we aim to allocate an equal number of papers to each session. Some of the sub-themes may have only one session, whereas the main themes will be covered in a number of sessions. We expect the main themes to be popular, so if your abstract is aimed at one of these, early receipt for review by the Scientific Committee will assist us in allocating it accordingly. Should a paper not be allocated to one of the main theme sessions, it will be assigned to the most appropriate alternative.

Warning: late submissions may find themselves allocated to an early morning session after the conference banquet!

* See below for more on e-posters.

Submission Process for Abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted using the new online abstract submission system. The system has been designed to IIFET’s specification and is simple to use. Access to the system, which opens on **Thursday 1 September 2005**, will be via the IIFET 2006 Portsmouth homepage (www.iifet2006.org).

Please endeavour to use the online submission system if at all possible. Where this is genuinely impossible, special arrangements can be made. Please contact Nicola Waterman via fax (+44 23 9284 4614) or email

(enquiries@iifet2006.org, marking your message FAO Nicola Waterman – Offline Submission) for further details.

Conference Features

- Four days of plenary, submitted and invited papers sessions
- Ample opportunity to participate in panel discussions and structured and informal debate on the themes
- E-poster sessions and animated display
- Space for publishers, consulting firms and others to display their goods and services
- IIFET Best Student Paper Award – a \$500 US prize for the best student paper
- Aquaculture Collaborative Research Support Program (ACRSP) Student and Professional Awards for papers on Aquaculture Economics and Marketing – first, second and third cash prizes for the three best student papers, and three to four travel grants for scientists from developing countries
- Formal and informal social events including a welcome reception hosted by Portsmouth's Lord Mayor at the city's Guildhall and a banquet dinner aboard HMS Warrior, the world's first iron hulled armoured battleship restored to the condition in which she was first commissioned in 1860
- Opportunities for pre- and post-conference tours in the UK and the rest of Europe

E-poster Sessions

IIFET 2006 Portsmouth sees the introduction of a new medium for posters. Instead of a traditional two-dimensional poster, the organisers invite you to submit a PowerPoint presentation containing up to four slides. Of these, the first slide should be the poster in its entirety, with the remaining three slides providing an opportunity to expand on the ideas presented therein. Presenting posters in this way will enable IIFET to include them in the conference proceedings for the first time. Consequently, whilst abstracts for e-posters will be submitted and reviewed in the usual way, authors will also be required to submit their e-poster for review by the Scientific Committee, as they would a paper. To ensure the smooth running of the poster sessions from a logistical point of view, we will require the completed e-poster presentation to be submitted no later than **Friday 9 June 2006**.

Please note: we regret that we will be unable to accept printed posters for display at IIFET 2006 Portsmouth.

Awards

IIFET Best Student Paper Award

Introduced at IIFET 2000, and now a well-established feature of the conference, the IIFET Executive Committee is once again pleased to offer an award of \$500 US to the author of the best student paper presented at the conference. To be eligible for the award, authors must be currently enrolled in a graduate programme, or have completed such a programme no more than 12 months before the submission deadline, and must be the primary author on the paper to be submitted. Authors must go through the normal abstract submission process, and in addition, must submit the **completed** paper (conforming to all formatting requirements, *especially* length limits) by **Thursday 11 May 2006**, by email to Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu, accompanied by a letter of reference from the student's Head of Department or supervisor, and an attestation of student status form. The IIFET Executive Committee will review papers and inform the winner prior to the conference; the award cheque and certificate will be presented at the conference. Standard journal article selection criteria will be used. The winner will be announced at the conference, where the award winner must present the paper.

Aquaculture Collaborative Research Support Program (ACRSP) Student and Professional Awards

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) funded ACRSP will offer prizes for the three best student papers on aquaculture economics and marketing topics relevant to low income, food deficit countries.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded in the amounts of \$400, \$300 and \$200 US. In addition, three to four partial travel support grants will be offered to developing country scientists presenting papers on aquaculture economics and marketing topics.

For more information about all of these awards and grants, please visit the conference website:
www.iifet2006.org

Important Dates

Thursday 1 September 2005:	Abstract submission system opens
Friday 9 December 2005:	Deadline for financial support requests* (Please note: your abstract must be submitted with your request for financial assistance)
Monday 9 January 2006:	Registration opens
Friday 10 February 2006:	Deadline for the submission of abstracts
Friday 10 March 2006:	Acceptance decisions by Scientific Committee sent to authors
Thursday 11 May 2006:	Deadline for the submission of completed papers for IIFET & ACRSP Best Student Paper Awards
Friday 9 June 2006:	Deadline for the submission of e-poster presentations
Monday 10 July 2006:	Conference registration desk opens & welcome reception
Tuesday 11 July 2006:	Conference opens
Thursday 13 July 2006:	Conference banquet
Friday 14 July 2006:	Deadline for the submission of final papers for inclusion in proceedings (in hard copy and on digital file) at conference registration desk by 12:00
	Conference closes

*Funding Support: Limited funding support may be available for applicants from low-income or developing countries only. See website for more details on funding criteria.

Registration

Registration materials will be mailed, e-mailed and made available on the conference website in December 2005. Fees will range from US\$ 450-550 with special lower fees available to students. Registration fees cover attendance at all conference sessions 11-14 July, four lunches, reception, morning and afternoon tea and coffee, and conference proceedings. Optional events, including the conference banquet, will be available at a reasonable extra charge to conference participants and companions.

Logistics

IIFET 2006 Portsmouth will be held at the University of Portsmouth, which is located in the centre of the city of Portsmouth. The city is situated on the south coast of England, approximately 70 miles south west of London, the UK's capital. Access to Portsmouth is by road, rail and sea. There are frequent rail connections to

Southampton airport and both of London's main international airports (Heathrow and Gatwick), and regular ferry crossings connect the city to the rest of Europe via the northern coasts of France and Spain.

The University will be able to provide good quality en-suite rooms in its halls of residence, in addition to which the city offers a full range of accommodation from hostels to hotels, plus a wide range of restaurants, cafes and entertainment venues for conference delegates and their companions.

The recently completed Richmond Building, home to the University's Business School, will be the venue for the working part of the conference programme. Refreshments and lunch will be served in the neighbouring Portland Building where a spacious atrium and courtyard garden will allow delegates to relax and enjoy the social aspects of the conference.

Welcome to Portsmouth

Portsmouth, the UK's only island city, is packed with fascinating history, much of it connected to the sea and the Royal Navy, to which the city is home. The Historic Dockyard, in which the CEMARE offices are located, is home to three historic navy vessels, including HMS Warrior. HMS Warrior is the venue for the conference banquet, giving delegates who choose to attend the opportunity to experience life aboard a nineteenth century ship.

The city is ideally situated for those who would like to explore the South of England either before or after the conference, and for those delegates bringing companions and families, there is a plentiful choice of day-excursions to suit all tastes and pockets.

For more information on pre and post conference holidays, please visit the conference website:
www.iifet2006.org

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