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GET READY FOR IIFET JAPAN 2004

Why Japan?

For the past decade, Japan has ranked among the world's top 3 producers of fish from capture fisheries. Among the top importers (#1 in 1998-2000) and per capita consumers of seafood (over 65 kilos per year per person at the end of the last decade), Japan also has a unique approach to fishery management. Most management initiatives come from fishermen themselves, under a system of organizations at various levels, which are responsible for the design, implementation, and enforcement of regulations. The combination of small-scale and commercial fishing activities present in Japan has provided many management challenges; yet, unlike most other fishing nations, Japan has succeeded in reducing fishing capacity since the beginning of the 200-mile EEZ era.

It therefore was no surprise that several members of the Japan International Fisheries Research Society (JIFRS), who are also active IIFET members, conceived of the idea to organize an IIFET conference in Japan. **Dr. Yoshiaki Matsuda** of Kagoshima University leads the able and distinguished organizing committee which proposes that IIFET 2004 focus on the role that fishing industries and marine resources themselves can play in contributing to solutions of persistent issues surrounding food and environmental security, rural poverty, and national security. These issues of food and environmental security increase the urgency of improving the health and sustainability of all the world's fisheries.

Conference Themes?

The overall theme of the conference is therefore tentatively termed "What Are Responsible Fisheries?" Some of the proposed sub-themes include food security through food diversity, environmental concerns and seafood safety, the contribution of fisheries to rural development and national security, and the importance of Asia in world fisheries. Concurrent sessions will allow for presentations on responsible fishing and its contribution to societies around the world, a wide variety of fisheries management topics, seafood and marine products trade, seafood/environmental safety, aquaculture, demand and supply, theoretical and bio-economic modeling, and management of multiple use conflicts. The four main conference days will feature the usual blend of plenary sessions, submitted paper presentations, and poster sessions, tentatively planned for Monday through Thursday, July 26-29, 2004. Please note: all dates mentioned in this article are TENTATIVE!

What Other Activities?

Professional Tours: An additional feature of IIFET

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Note: Names in **bold** type are IIFET members.

Japan which will attract much attention is the planned set of associated professional tours. A three day pre-conference tour is **tentatively** planned for Wednesday, July 21 to Friday the 23rd. Participants (spouses are welcome too) will visit Fukushima Prefecture's Iwaki Aquarium, the Okuma Sea Farming Center (to view production of abalone, sea urchin and bastard halibut for marine ranching), Isobe Fisheries Cooperative Association (to learn about surf-clam fishery management), and Haragama Fisheries Cooperative Association (to learn how small scale trawl and gillnet fisheries are managed and view fish marketing activities).



Mt. Fuji: the ambitious climb overnight to experience dawn from the summit.

In Miyagi Prefecture, tour participants will see Shiogama Fish Market, the largest landing center for bluefin tuna purse seiners; Matsushima, with its oyster culture areas, and home to some of Japan's most famous tourist sights, Sendai City, the center of the Tohoku Region and site of the National Tohoku University, and other historic places. Travel from Tokyo out to the prefectures will be by bus, with the return trip to Tokyo from Sendai by bullet train.

Saturday, July 24, conference organizers will provide an additional one-day pre-conference

bus tour in Tokyo, featuring fish consumption sites, including the world-famous Tsukiji wholesale fish market, a cold storage complex,

and a supermarket. Sunday, July 25, will be free, with conference registration offered in the afternoon.

Symposium: A special symposium will be held on July 30, the Friday following the normal four days of conference sessions (or if time allows, it may begin the afternoon of July 29). The symposium theme will tentatively be the same as the overall conference theme: "What are Responsible Fisheries?" and is currently being further refined by the Symposium Committee. The symposium will most likely feature several invited presentations; the team also plans to develop materials for distribution including a white paper on Japanese fisheries and information on fishery statistics in Japan.

And What ELSE is There to Do?

As for tourism opportunities in Japan: don't get me started. I will merely emphasize that Japan has everything from incredible, serene, natural beauty, to the most modern technology and cities, tempered by a delicate aesthetic tradition which permeates every aspect of both its physical and cultural environments. The pictures of a recent conference planning visit to Japan, which you can see at <http://oregonstate.edu/Dept/IIFET/Japan/Index.html>, are worth many thousands of words. And they only begin to give a hint of what Japan has to offer. There are hundreds of websites that could help you to plan a family trip, but a good place to start is at the Japanese National Tourist Organization (<http://www.jnto.go.jp>).

One useful thing I learned during my JNTO-sponsored trip is that airfares are not necessarily as high as you fear. Airlines are hungry for business and are offering significant discounts for conference travel. Some of the prices and packages may lead you to rethink a hasty decision not to bring family along. Yes, prices have historically been very high in Japan, and it's still not low-budget travel, but the economic contraction of the past 5 years has appropriately shrunk the expectations of some of the mid-price hotels. It will be feasible for conference organizers to offer reasonable hotel rooms in the Shinagawa area of Tokyo (near the conference site) for about \$100 a night--prices unheard of several years ago.

Tokyo University of Fisheries (TFU), our host location, is a surprisingly big “small” institution. With a student population of just under 2000, on a small, bustling campus on the Tokyo waterfront, it offers a welter of fisheries-related fields of study, from oceanography, marine chemistry and biology, and physics,

to fishing and food science and technology. Foreign students from 20 countries study there, seeking undergraduate, masters and PhD degrees. It’s one of seventeen such National, Prefectural and private fisheries universities in Japan and is over 100 years old. TFU’s President Takashima warmly welcomes IIFET 2004 participants, who will encounter a very real Japanese academic experience inaccessible to the average tourist.



IIFET Japan 2004 Organizing Committee (back row, left to right: **Toyokazu Naito**, Masaru Okamoto, Shigeaki Shindo, **Yuuji Niimi**; front row, left to right: **Tsuyoshi Kawasaki**, **Tadashi Yamamoto**, **Ann Shriver**, **Yoshiaki Matsuda**, and Minako Nakagawa. Missing: Yoshihisa Miki

In summary, IIFET 2004 will offer participants an opportunity to experience the real Japan, learn a great deal in a short time about its fisheries markets and management, as well as unequalled tourism opportunities, which will be unique in your lifetime. Please consider participating in our

twelfth international conference, next summer in Tokyo. The Japan Organizing Committee, IIFET’s Executive Committee, and I urge and warmly welcome you to join us there.

IIFET CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

2002 marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the International Institute of Fisheries Economics & Trade. Since its first conference in 1982, IIFET has brought to the fisheries economics world a variety of accomplishments and activities in pursuit of our primary goal: providing opportunities for the exchange of information, data, and research on issues surrounding the economics of marine resources and seafood trade. Among our first efforts to promote communication within our profession were the publication of the *IIFET Newsletter* and *Membership Directory*. As the internet developed, so have we; the IIFET members’ electronic list now complements the printed Newsletter, and our website (<http://www.oregonstate.edu/Dept/IIFET>) now includes not only an online version of our Membership Directory, but also downloadable versions of this Newsletter, and links to useful internet resources, among many other items.

Primary among our accomplishments is a series of biennial conferences at which a wide variety of themes have been addressed, from quantitative and theoretical models, through the gamut of resource management, regulation and policy topics--open and limited access, licensing, quotas, co-management, property rights--aquaculture development at micro and macro levels, domestic and international trade in seafood and related products, and issues surrounding resource use in developing countries. To date, conferences have been held in Alaska USA (1982), Christchurch New Zealand (1984), Quebec Canada (1986), Esbjerg Denmark (1988), Santiago Chile (1990), Paris France (1992), Taipei Taiwan (1994), Marrakesh Morocco (1996), Tromso Norway (1998), Oregon USA (2000), and Wellington New Zealand (2002). Each conference was a historical event in and of itself, featuring regional and international themes, cultural events, and experiences of local fishing industries.

Most of you have had the opportunity to attend at least one of these conferences; many have been present at several. Is there anyone who has been to every single one? Please let me know, if so. And some of you have your first IIFET conference experience in front of you--if so, you have a treat in store in Tokyo, 2004.

When asked to contribute to this Newsletter celebrating IIFET's 20 years of existence, Dick Johnston considered a variety of approaches. Since IIFET is an organization which has grown out of the individual efforts of so many people, and the most important thing it offers is the opportunity to interact with and learn from other people in our profession, he finally settled on a series of profiles of people whose efforts have made IIFET what it is today. Additional profiles may be featured in future Newsletters.

IIFET PIONEERS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Rebecca Lent

Rebecca Lent is one of IIFET's co-founders. She was instrumental in initiating the contacts that led to its precursor organization, the Institute for the Cooperative Study of International Seafood Markets, and contributed to its publication, *Seafood Production, Markets, and Policies*. The chapters of that report were written by fishery economists from several countries, describing the fisheries sectors of those countries. One of the report's objectives was to help determine if there were perceived benefits from and a willingness to participate in a collaborative effort involving researchers from around the world. This experiment was proposed by Ulrich Sommer, of Germany's Institut Fur Landwirtschaftliche Marktforschung. The experiment worked, thanks in large part to Rebecca's efforts, professional skills and pleasant personality. It led to the first International Seafood Trade conference, held in 1982 in Anchorage, Alaska, where IIFET formally came into existence. Rebecca was a member of the conference planning committee and played a central role in the design, organization and hosting of the event. She continued to encourage IIFET's growth through follow-up contacts. Four years later, while on the faculty of the University of Quebec at Rimouski, she helped host the third biennial IIFET conference. In 1992, she again served on the scientific committee for IIFET's sixth conference in Paris. She has provided valuable input to the Institute ever since.



After completing her PhD degree at Oregon State University with an award-winning dissertation on pricing in salmon markets (published in its entirety by the Sea Grant College program), Rebecca joined the faculties of Canada's University of Quebec and Laval University (she speaks and writes French fluently). She was subsequently invited to return to the U.S. for research appointments with the International Food Policy Research Institute and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 1992 she was recruited by the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, where she has held both research and administrative positions, rising to her current post, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs at NOAA (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Fisheries, in 2001. Her administrative responsibilities include review of all NOAA Fisheries' proposed regulatory actions, including those in support of protected resources, sustainable fisheries and habitat conservation. She is also the lead representative for NOAA Fisheries in international affairs.

Rebecca lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland, with her husband, Utpal Vasavada and their daughter, Kajal, and can be reached via email at Rebecca.Lent@noaa.gov



Clinton Atkinson



Clint Atkinson with the IIFET flag in Chile, 1990

Clinton Atkinson was the first recipient of IIFET's Distinguished Service Award for good reason. He played a central role in organizing, publicizing and obtaining support for the 1982 international conference that led to the formation of the organization. He served on its planning committee and worked with the Alaska Sea Grant Program in hosting the event. He was elected to IIFET's first Executive Committee and, during its early stages was instrumental in establishing its structure and policies. From IIFET's beginning, Clint has worked tirelessly to involve industry members in its activities, both informally through his many professional contacts with the fishing industry in several countries and more formally through chairing IIFET committees to make the organization more "industry friendly." (Almost 40% of those who attended the first IIFET conference came from the private sector.) As a scientist Clint has regularly presented papers at the IIFET conferences and has been a strong advocate for promoting data-sharing among members, serving as co-chair of its Information Exchange Working Group.

It would take an entire newsletter to document Clint's

professional contributions, which include his early role as a scientist on the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, his service as Chief of Middle and South Atlantic

Fishery investigations for the U.S. federal fisheries agencies, his appointment as Director of the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries' (now National Marine Fisheries Service) Biological Laboratory in Seattle, Washington (during which time he completed his MSc. Degree in Fisheries from the University of Washington), and his selection as Regional Fishery Attaché at the American Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. Under his leadership, his laboratories received awards from the U.S. Government for research on salmon and shad, and he has received personal, professional recognition from the Government of Japan for his work on salmon propagation and conservation and from the Republic of Korea for his contributions to re-establishing that country's salmon runs. His work on the Fisheries of the Soviet Far East is respected internationally. In addition to his recognition from IIFET, he is an elected Fellow, Past-President and Founding Member of the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists.

Following a second career as a fishery consultant and advisor, Clint is now retired, and currently lives in Seattle. Until recently, he continued to be active professionally, travelling over the past two years to Japan, Korea, Russia and other international locations, including IIFET conferences. His email address is: concea@foxinternet.net.

POSTSCRIPT from the "it's a small world" files: **Rebecca Lent** and **Clinton Atkinson** have known each other for almost 25 years, beginning when Clint helped Rebecca with aspects of her PhD research. They also worked together on the planning committee for the 1982 IIFET conference. In May, 2002, Clint was among a small group of past and present NMFS science center directors who were honored at the 70th anniversary of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, of which the Biological Laboratory is part. He was unable to attend, however, because he was in Russia for the dedication of the Library he donated to the Pacific Fishery Research Institute (TINRO) in Vladivostok. Among the dignitaries who attended the Seattle event and helped bestow recognition on those being honored, including **Clint Atkinson**, was **Rebecca Lent**.

MORE IIFET NEWS

NAAFE Election Results

The organization currently known as the “North American Association of Fisheries Economists” or NAAFE was born at the IIFET 2000 conference, nurtured through its first Forum in New Orleans in May of 2001, and is coming of age with the election of its first slate of officers. The organization will be an affiliate organization of IIFET.

The winners of the election, and members of the first NAAFE Board of Directors, are:

President: **Jon Sutinen** (2003-2005)

President-Elect: **Ralph Townsend** (President elect 2003-2005, President 2005-2007)

Regular Board Members:

Gil Sylvia (2003-2005)

Diane Dupont (2003-2007)

Walt Keithly (2003-2007)

Thanks to all who participated in the election, especially those who were not elected this time; the choices were very difficult and you will likely get another chance to elect some of these excellent candidates as your leaders in the future.

Congratulations to the new board members, who will review, amend, and enact the draft bylaws of the organization, set up permanent secretariat services, advise on the second NAAFE forum, and generally get NAAFE up and running.

Several committees are to be thanked for doing the groundwork to establish NAAFE. These include the original organizing Group of 9, including **Jim Anderson**, **Diane Dupont**, Walt Keithly, **Rich Kazmierczak**, **Gunnar Knapp**, **Cathy Roheim**, **Ann Shriver**, **Gil Sylvia**, and **Gert Van Santen**. The nominating committee, comprised of Chuck Adams, John Gates, and Gunnar Knapp, put a great deal of effort into establishing our first ballot.

Anyone wishing to join NAAFE should contact **Ann Shriver** at Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu to request that you be added to the list of potential members. Eventually, this list will be formalized but for now, anyone can “join”.

Please make plans to attend our second forum in Virginia.

North American Association of Fisheries Economists 2003 Forum

The College of William & Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) /School of Marine Science (SMS) will host the 2003 biennial North American Association of Fisheries Economists (NAAFE) forum. The event is scheduled for May 4-7, 2003, in historic Williamsburg, Virginia.

According to conference co-chairmen **Jim Kirkley**, Chairman of the Department of Coastal and Ocean Policy, and Tom Murray, Marine Business Specialist, at VIMS: “The location and timing of the 2003 conference in Williamsburg will allow participants the opportunity to meet in historic surroundings during springtime while also being a short train ride or drive to Washington.”

VIMS is a research institute and the graduate school of marine science for the College of William & Mary. The VIMS campus is located at Gloucester Point, Virginia, about 20 miles from the William & Mary campus, site of the ‘03 NAAFE Conference in Williamsburg. The organizers feel that the location

in eastern Virginia will afford unparalleled opportunity for networking by nearby researchers and institutional representatives and conference sponsors.

The 2001 NAAFE conference held during April 2001 in New Orleans attracted over 100 economists and was co-sponsored by the University of Alaska and Louisiana State University. The NAAFE nominating committee selected VIMS to host the 2003 event in Virginia.

Attendees of the NAAFE '01 Forum held in New Orleans were included in the 2003 conference contact list to receive the call for papers and periodic conference updates. To be added to a list for conference information please contact:

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HONORS AND AWARDS

Cunningham Honored with IIFET 2002 Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Stephen Cunningham was selected by the Executive Committee of IIFET as the recipient of our 2002 award for Distinguished Service to the fisheries economics profession. This award is intended to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to and had an important effect on the ability of individuals from academia, trade, and government from across the globe to exchange information, data, and perspectives on fisheries policy, factors affecting seafood trade, and marine resource use. A further consideration in choosing the recipient is the individual's contribution to the theory and/or application of economic science to international fisheries industries, trade, management, and/or policy.

Steve's accomplishments are many and varied, made during his tenure as IIFET's first President, as director of CEMARE (the University of Portsmouth's Center for the Economics and Management of Aquatic Resources), and during his work as international fisheries development advisor. In addition he certainly ranks among the world's tallest fisheries economists, singlehandedly raising our average height by several millimeters.

Most unfortunately Steve was unable to be present at the New Zealand conference to accept his plaque, which lauds his "outstanding contributions in the application of economic theory to global fisheries development, teaching and research in fisheries economics". He therefore deputized Ann Shriver not only to accept the award in his name, but also to give his acceptance speech (in which he humbly expressed some incredulity at receiving the award), and to schlep the award plaque down to Post New Zealand for shipping to his current haunt in the south of France. Next time you're visiting IDDRA Montpellier, ask him to show you that plaque, which has circumnavigated the globe thanks to the intervention of La Poste Francaise, exceeding the time and distance record previously set by Parzival Copes's award plaque, not quite delivered to him in Morocco.

Smith Wins Again

Martin Smith, winner of the IIFET 2000 Best Student Paper Award, has also been recognized by the American Association of Agricultural Economists (AAEA). His work has been selected as the AAEA's 2002 Outstanding PhD Dissertation, for "Spatial Behavior, Marine Reserves, and the Red Sea Urchin Fishery." Marty completed his doctorate at the University of California, Davis, and **Jim Wilen** was his major professor. Congratulations, AGAIN, Marty!

Morocco Proceedings Published

The proceedings of the IIFET 1996 Morocco are now available on CD ROM. They will be mailed to conference participants from the IIFET Secretariat early in 2003.

We no longer have a comprehensive list of Morocco conference participants. Therefore, if you participated in the conference and would like to receive the CD-format proceedings, please send a request including your full mailing address to iifet@oregonstate.edu, or send airmail or a fax to Kara Keenan at the IIFET Secretariat (see back page for details). We will need to send, along with your CD, an invoice for a small fee for shipping and handling, but the proceedings themselves are gratis to those who attended the conference.

The proceedings are available for purchase at a reasonable price by those who were unable to attend the Marrakesh conference. To order this or other IIFET conference proceedings, please visit <http://www.oregonstate.edu/Dept/IIFET/html/publications.html>.

PUBLICATIONS

The Cost of Fisheries Management

Edited by **William E. Schrank**, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, **Ragnar Arnason**, University of Iceland, Iceland and **Rögvaldur Hannesson**, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Norway

This book, in the series Ashgate Studies in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, comes out of a session by the same name held at the IIFET 2000 Conference at Oregon State University.

“...a major contribution to our understanding of the commercial fishing industry. For the first time they provide us with a systemic set of definitions of the costs of the industry...Their work has replaced assumptions with facts and in so doing has opened up a whole new area of research.” --**Giulio Pontecorvo**, Columbia University, New York, USA

“...a major contribution to a hitherto neglected area of fishery economics...” --**Dr. Joel Dirlam**, Professor Emeritus, University of Rhode Island, USA

Often ignored in the analysis of fishery management techniques, the cost of fishery management can be extremely high. Looking at theoretical aspects of fishery management costs, this book considers actual costs in a variety of countries and analyzes the potential for cost recovery by governments, of their financial outlays for fisheries management. By providing both theoretical and empirical analyzes the editors present the agenda for future research in this previously overlooked field.

Contributors: **William E. Schrank**, **Ragnar Arnason**, **Rögvaldur Hannesson**, **Peder Andersen**, **Jon G. Sutinen**, **Blanca Skoda**, **Vilhjalmur H. Wium**, **Aina S. Uulenga**, **Rolf Willmann**, **Pongpat Boonchuwong**, **Somying Piumsombun**, **Paul Wallis**, **Ola Flaaten**, **Sean Pascoe**, **Simon Mardle**, **Aaron Hatcher**, **Anthony Cox**, **Nick Wyatt**, **Jon G. Sutinen**, **Peder Andersen**.

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES ECONOMICS AND TRADE

Goals and Activities

The International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade is organized to promote discussion of factors which affect international production of and trade in seafood and fisheries policy questions. Designed to be attractive to individuals from governments, industry, and universities from all over the world, a major goal of the organization is to facilitate cooperative research and data exchange.

Membership in the organization is open to any individual for a fee of \$50.00 U.S. annually. Student memberships are \$15.00 U.S. Corporate/institutional memberships are \$250 US annually. Among its activities are preparing a directory which provides names, addresses and interests of Institute members, publishing a semiannual newsletter, and serving as a clearinghouse for cooperative research undertakings by bringing together members with common interests. Our most important activities in this regard are our biennial conferences, where academics, industry and government representatives, and international organizations from all of the world's major fishing and aquaculture regions gather to exchange and review academic, scientific and industry-oriented research on a broad variety of fisheries and seafood economics-related topics. To date, conferences have been held in Alaska, USA, New Zealand, Canada, Denmark, Chile, France, Taiwan, Morocco, Norway, Oregon, USA, and Wellington, New Zealand. The 2004 conference will be held in Tokyo, Japan.

The Executive Committee of the Institute addresses policy issues and assists in planning conferences. **Dr. Harry F. Campbell**, University of Queensland, Australia, is the Institute's President. He and the following individuals comprise the Executive Committee: **Dr. Mahfuzuddin Ahmed**, WorldFish Centre (ICLARM), Malaysia (President-Elect); **Dr. James L. Anderson**, University of Rhode Island, USA; **Dr. Claire W. Armstrong**, University of Tromso, Norway; **Dr. Arcadio Cerda**, Univ. of Talca, Chile; **Dr. Ola Flaaten**, University of Tromso, Norway; **Dr. Faathin Hameed**, Ministry of Fisheries, Maldives; **Dr. Michael Mafaniso Hara**, University of Western Cape, South Africa; **Dr. Richard S. Johnston**, Oregon State University, USA (permanent ex-officio); and **Dr. Chin-Hwa (Jenny) Sun**, National Taiwan Ocean University, Taiwan. (See back page of this newsletter for contact information.)

The Institute's Secretariat, located at Oregon State University, carries out the day-to-day activities of the organization: publications, correspondence, facilitating communication and cooperation among researchers, preparation of publications, and other administrative activities. We also maintain an electronic mailing list and up-to-date online directory of member addresses. Our World Wide Web Home Page at <http://www.oregonstate.edu/Dept/IIFET> contains many useful types of information for fisheries economists, including a directory of fisheries-related internet resources.

Several research and trade oriented sub-groups are coordinated by IIFET. These have included the Global Groundfish Markets Research Group, the Socioeconomics Network, and the Salmon Network. New subgroups are formed, as necessary, to meet membership needs.

The Institute provides an exciting opportunity for exchange of ideas among people from different countries and with different professional orientations. Please request a free copy of our Newsletter and application form from the IIFET Secretariat at Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu or by regular mail at the address on the membership application (verso). Any correspondence pertaining to this Institute can be sent to that address or to any member of the Executive Committee.

Membership Fee Payments

Please refer to the application form for details. Members are billed annually in December for the following calendar year's fees.

New Applicants

IIFET's annual membership period is January 1- December 31. New members should indicate which calendar year's membership they wish to purchase on their application form. If you join in the middle of a year, you will receive all membership materials for the year you indicate, including back issues if appropriate.

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Names and addresses of others who might be interested in IIFET:

Note: Upon receipt of your completed application, you will be given an opportunity to subscribe to the *Marine Resource Economics Journal*. Look for an optional subscription form with your welcome packet.

If you have any questions about IIFET, its goals or activities, please do not hesitate to contact Ann Shriver (Executive Director) at Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu, or call 1(541) 737-1416.

Report Details Fishermen's Knowledge of Bay of Fundy

Local Knowledge and Local Stocks: An Atlas of Groundfish Spawning in the Bay of Fundy, By Jennifer Graham, Stephen Engle and Maria Recchia

This report documents fishermen's knowledge of local groundfish stocks and spawning grounds in the Bay of Fundy, based on research conducted with local fishermen by staff of the Centre for Community-based Management. At the heart of the report are maps showing where and when fishermen have caught spawning haddock, pollock and cod, and how these fisheries have changed over time. The report finds strong evidence for the existence of local stocks of cod, pollock and haddock in the Bay of Fundy and documents and discusses active and lost groundfish spawning areas. (\$18.75 + HST + shipping and handling)

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Four items from International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) in India

Smoke in the Water: A video highlighting the problems and prospects for developing Artisanal fish Trade in West Africa

This video provides an overview of the issues involved, and highlights many of the concerns of the actors in the sector. It also briefly reports on the workshop on Problems and Prospects for developing Artisanal Fish Trade in West Africa and the West African Fair for Artisanally Processed Fish held at Dakar, Senegal from 30 May to 3 June 2001. (Language: French and English; Suggested Contribution: US \$ 15)

A Step Forward - A film on Women Fishworkers in India

This short film explores the role of women fishworkers in selected regions of India. It looks at some of the problems they face in their daily work and the initiatives they have taken to deal with them. Many of these issues are highlighted in an interview with a woman fish vendor in Kerala, the southernmost State on India's West Coast. (Language: English; Suggested Contribution: US \$ 15)

Fisheries in Sub-Saharan Africa

An interactive CD that provides information and data on various aspects of fisheries and fishing communities in 25 countries of the Sub-Saharan region. The CD contains geographic and sociodemographic profiles of the 25 countries as well as information on their fishery resources, fishing communities and fishworkers, fish processing and trade, fisheries legislation and fishery agreements. (Suggested Contribution: US \$ 10)

Conversations, A Dialogue on Power, Intervention and Organization in Fisheries, By Aliou Sall, Michael Belliveau and Nalini Nayak

As part of a program of ICSF, three persons, from different parts of the world, converged on the Treasure Guest House in Accra, Ghana. During the course of slightly over a week, the three discussed the issues that lie at the heart of fisheries and fishworkers in the artisanal sector, at a time when various factors are

combining to alter the status of both fisheries resources and fishers' livelihoods. This 400 page paperback includes maps. (Suggested Contribution: US \$ 25)

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The Berkeley Electronic Press is pleased to announce the launch of the Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization (JAFIO), a peer-reviewed electronic journal. The Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization (<http://www.bepress.com/jafio>) provides a unique forum for empirical and theoretical research in industrial organization with emphasis on the agricultural and food industry worldwide. Among the first published articles, free for a limited time, are the following (access to full text is provided at the internet addresses):

Vercammen, James (2003) "Cooperative Investment and the Value of Contracting with Transaction Costs", Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization: Vol. 1: No. 1, Article 1.

Giannakas, Konstantinos and Fulton, Murray (2003) "Tough Love: Optimal Enforcement of Output Quotas in the Presence of Cheating", Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization: Vol. 1: No. 1, Article 2.

Glauben, Thomas and Loy, Jens-Peter (2003) "Pricing-to-Market versus Residual Demand Elasticity Analysis of Imperfect Competition in Food Exports: Evidence from Germany", Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization: Vol. 1: No. 1, Article 3.

Schmitz, Troy G. and Schmitz, Andrew (2003) "Food Supply Management and Tariffication: A Game Theoretic Approach", Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization: Vol. 1: No. 1, Article 4.

Lopez, Rigoberto A and Lirón-España, Carmen (2003) "Social Welfare and the Market Power-Efficiency Tradeoff in U.S. Food Processing: A Note", Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization: Vol. 1: No. 1, Article 5.

Whitley, John (2003) "The Gains and Losses from Agricultural Concentration: A Critical Survey of the Literature", Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization: Vol. 1: No. 1, Article 6.

For more information, and to submit articles, go to <http://www.bepress.com/jafio>.

How do you Measure the Value of Nature?

Valuing Environmental and Natural Resources : The Econometrics of Non-Market Valuation, by Timothy C. Haab and Kenneth E. McConnell, Edward Elgar Publishers (<http://www.e-elgar.co.uk>)

Non-market valuation has become a broadly accepted and widely practiced means of measuring the economic values of the environment and natural resources. In this book, the authors provide a guide to the statistical and econometric practices that economists employ in estimating non-market values. The authors develop the econometric models that underlie the basic methods: contingent valuation, travel cost models, random utility models and hedonic models. They analyze the measurement of non-market values as a procedure with two steps: the estimation of parameters of demand and preference functions and the

calculation of benefits from the estimated models. Each of the models is carefully developed from the preference function to the behavioral or response function that researchers observe. The models are then illustrated with datasets that characterize the kinds of data researchers typically deal with. The real world data and clarity of writing in this book will appeal to environmental economists, students, researchers and practitioners in multilateral banks and government agencies.

The book is currently in print in Europe and expected soon in the U.S. More details can be found at:

<http://www.e-elgar.co.uk>

FAO Subcommittee on Aquaculture Issues Report at Beijing Meeting, April 2002

At its Twenty-fourth Session, the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) decided to establish a Sub-Committee on Aquaculture to provide a forum for consultation and discussion on aquaculture and to advise COFI on technical and policy matters related to aquaculture and on the work to be performed by FAO in the subject matter field of aquaculture. The first session of the Sub-Committee was held in Beijing, China, from April 18-22, 2002. The Sub-Committee recognized the important role that aquaculture could play in improving livelihoods, generating income, and stimulating national and regional development and identified the following as key priority areas for future work:

- i. Creating an enabling environment for the promotion of sustainable aquaculture development and management.
- ii. Establishing a framework for sustainable rural aquaculture development.
- iii. Education, information sharing and capacity-building.
- iv. Data collection and reporting to improve knowledge and management of the sector.

The Sub-Committee also recognized the current inadequacy of Regular Programme funds to successfully carry out the activities recommended during this Session. It requested that the FAO Fisheries Department reviews its Medium-Term Plan (MTP) for its compatibility with the recommendations made during this Session, and develop new programme entities with budget requests, as appropriate, to accommodate these un-funded needs, and submit to the next COFI Session. The Sub-Committee requested the FAO Fisheries Department to make a report on its efforts in this regard, and present this to the next Session of the Sub-Committee.

For copies of the report, or questions on the content of the document, please contact Dr. Rohana Subasinghe, Senior Fisheries Resources Officer (Aquaculture), of the FAO Fisheries Department at Rohana.Subasinghe@fao.org. You may receive the report by email.

Individual Transferable Quotas in the Nova Scotia Fishery

Enclosing the Commons: Individual Transferable Quotas in the Nova Scotia Fishery, by Richard Apostle, Bonnie McCay, and Knut H. Mikalsen

Atlantic Canada's fishing industry is in biological and ecological crisis. One initiative is an attempt to introduce market principles into fisheries management - including privatization and deregulation - by turning fish quota allocations into transferable commodities - individual transferable quotas (ITQs). These are management tools that allocate privileges or rights to harvest specified amounts of a quota to individuals or enterprises. *Enclosing the Commons* represents a nine-year investigation of this challenging and controversial initiative in fisheries management in Atlantic Canada. This is a study of an attempt to move toward the creation of quasi-property rights in marine resources, which carries the hope that increased private ownership of resources and responsibilities would lead to more stable, sustainable

fisheries systems. This is a comprehensive, empirical analysis of the experiment in Nova Scotia, as well as comparison to similar endeavours in Iceland, New Zealand, and the United States.
ISBN 2002 0-919666-87-6, by Iser Books, 176 pp., \$24.95 Canadian

For further information, please see:
<http://www.mun.ca/iser/books.html>

Argentine Fisheries Sector

Integrated Assessment of Trade Liberalization and Trade-Related Policies: A Country Study on the Fisheries Sector in Argentina, By Maria Onestini, Graciela Gutman and Claudio Abelardo Palos (Centro de Estudios Ambientales – CEDEA), Published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

The publication carries out an integrated social, economic and environmental evaluation of trade liberalization policies in the Argentine fisheries sector and appraises relevant policy options that could lead to sustainable management. The study on which this publication is based analyzes the application of structural adjustment policies in Argentina in the 1990s and its strong impacts on the economic structure of the fisheries sector, one of the most dynamic domains in this period. Structural adjustment policies were accompanied by the opening up of trade for Argentine fisheries products in foreign markets and by diminishing resources in oceans under developed countries' jurisdiction.

However, the increasing and unregulated fisheries trade has had also critical negative impacts on natural resources and on the socio-economic structure of the fisheries sector. The quantifiable economic costs (evaluated by cost-benefit analysis in this study), have indicated that the policy situation of the 1990s (that is, uncontrolled fishing activity as well as a lack of adequate economic instruments), has implied a net direct cost of about US\$ 500 million, just for the most exploited species.

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South African Fishing Industry

Fishing In A Sea Of Sharks: Reconstruction And Development In The South African Fishing Industry, by **Bjørn Hersoug**

With the first democratic elections of 1994 the *Apartheid* State of South Africa came to an end. Political and economic reforms were badly needed, also in the fishing sector, as ownership of vessels, quotas and processing plants was highly skewed in favour of the white minority. Starting with a broad-based Fisheries Policy Development Committee in 1994, South Africa finally got its new Marine Living Resources Act in 1998. Based on this Act redistribution could start, aiming at creating more equal access. However, results soon turned out to be different from anticipated.

Fishing in a Sea of Sharks sets out to explain the transformation process from 1994 onwards, focusing on allocation (who got what?) and what the new entrants did with their quotas. By following the process on central level as well as in a number of selected fishing communities the book aims at presenting both a 'top-down' and a 'bottom-up' perspective. *Fishing in a Sea of Sharks* also attempts to give the first coherent presentation of the reform process and should therefore be of interest for academics as well as administrators in the field of fisheries management. (€ 40+postage)

For more information:

<http://www.eburon.nl>
http://www.eburon.nl/index_eng.htm

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

IIFET 1998 Tromsø Proceedings Are On Line

Thanks to Arne Eide's hard work, IIFET 1998 Tromsø Proceedings now are available at: <http://www.nfh.uit.no/iifet98.asp?id=0>. A username and password are not needed to log on. Some papers may be missing, due to lack of pdf electronic versions.

Oceana/American Oceans Campaign Summarizes Marine Science Articles

"Fish Briefs" is a summary and discussion of scientific articles, provided by Oceana which is an environmental organization funded by the Pew Foundation. You can subscribe to receive copies as they are published via email. Alternatively, you can view the quarterly publication in PDF format by visiting <http://www.oceana.org>. Many of the articles are biological in focus, but the layperson's language summaries may be of interest to IIFET members. Policy and social science articles are also included. The most recent (eleventh) issue included:

Peter J. Auster, Kevin Joy, Page C. Valentine. "Fish species and community distributions as proxies for seafloor habitat distributions: the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary example (Northwest Atlantic, Gulf of Maine)." *Environmental Biology of Fishes*, Vol. 60, pgs. 331-346. (2001).

J.A. Koslow, G.W. Boehlert, J.D.M. Gordon, R.L. Haedrich, P. Lorance, N. Parin. "Continental slope and deep-sea fisheries: implications for a fragile ecosystem." *ICES Journal of Marine Science*, Vol. 57, pgs. 548-557. (2000).

The scientific paper "*Effects of Marine Reserves on Adjacent Fisheries*" (summarized in the tenth issue of Fish Briefs) generated several letters by scientists that were published in *Science* (Volume 295, Feb. 15, 2002), along with a response to the letters by the original authors.

Subscription is free, although the publishers ask for a voluntary donation to help support the service. For more information, visit the website above or contact:

<http://www.info@oceana.org>

NMFS Releases Report from Design Committee Recommending an Industry-based Pilot Survey for Gulf of Maine Cod and Southern New England Yellowtail

Source: Electronic Newsletter *FishResearch.org*, Gulf of Maine Aquarium.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has released a report from the Industry-based Survey Committee (IBS) on their recommendations to design two pilot projects using industry vessels as platforms. The IBS Committee, a group of industry members, federal and state scientists and managers from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was tasked with designing a pilot industry-based program for New England groundfish species.

The goal of the IBS Committee was to clearly define the objectives, implementation strategy and budget for a pilot survey project or projects to serve as a starting point for the development of a broader industry-based survey fleet. The two industry-based pilot projects recommended by the Committee are a survey of cod distribution in the Gulf of Maine and an assessment of yellowtail flounder in southern New England.

The final report can be found at:

http://www.gma.org/IBS_report.html or <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/da.htm>

For more information, please contact: laura@gma.org.

Johannesburg Summit Publication Available Free on Internet

The following book is downloadable (ADPDF) from the publisher's website, in French, English and Spanish. Robert BARBAULT, Antoine CORNET, Jean JOUZEL, Gérard MEGIE, Ignacy SACHS, **Jacques WEBER**: *Johannesburg 2002, World Summit on Sustainable Development: stakes and scientists contribution*.

This book includes articles covering the issues of biodiversity (Barbault), climatic change (Megie), the fight against desertification and water issues (Cornet), and economic and social issues (**Weber**). Also included are an annotated bibliography, a list of websites, and audiovisual sources for further study.

For more details, please see:

<http://www.adpf.asso.fr> (French)

http://www.adpf.asso.fr/adpf-publi/sommaires/sommaire_gb.html (English)

The direct link to the publication, in English, is: http://www.adpf.asso.fr/adpf-publi/folio/textes/johannesburg_gb.pdf

Website for Marine Protected Areas in the USA

For anyone interested in Marine Protected Areas in the USA, visit <http://www.mpa.gov>. The website will be of interest to anyone working on Marine Protected Areas in the U.S. It is jointly managed by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of the Interior. It includes a link to the MPA Inventory, which provides information on marine managed areas. Or check out the MPA Library, where you can find articles and books, institutions involved in marine protected areas research and management, pertinent Websites, and conferences and workshops.

Pacific Coast Marine Protected Areas A Public Clearinghouse for Planning Information

Keeping track of the growing number of MPA planning processes in the Pacific just became a lot easier. NOAA's National Marine Protected Areas Center (NMPAC), working with the Communications Partnership for Science and the Sea (COMPASS), has developed a web-based clearinghouse, <http://www.PacificMPA.org>, that provides a single, straightforward and factual source for timely information about ongoing governmental MPA planning efforts along the west coast from Washington to California. For each MPA planning process, the site provides up-to-date information on goals, possible outcomes, timelines, upcoming public meetings, draft environmental documents, links to the responsible agency programs, and agency points of contact. Updated regularly with input from over a dozen federal and state MPA agencies, this site gives all interested stakeholders the tools to track and effectively engage in MPA activity throughout the Pacific region. For additional information about the PacificMPA.org website, contact Sarah Lyons at sarah.lyons@noaa.gov.

For information about the National MPA Center's Science Institute in Santa Cruz, California, contact Dr. Charlie Wahle at charles.wahle@noaa.gov.

International Association Assists Fish Inspectors

The International Association of Fish Inspectors (IAFI) is a relatively new, rapidly growing organization serving the world fish inspection community. Main role of IAFI is to promote the exchange of ideas and information, foster interaction, understanding and professional collaboration among individuals, organizations, and governments, disseminate knowledge about inspection of fish, seafood, and associated products, and promote advancement of the state-of-the-art in fish research and education.

Questions? Send them to membership@iafi.net. To learn about IAFI, visit to the IAFI website <http://www.iafi.net>. Now you can apply for membership online, and pay with your credit card through IAFI secure server.

The Fish Inspector - which presently is reaching approximately 1000 readers throughout the world in 5 languages (English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Arabic), is the voice of IAFI. The preparation of the quarterly bulletin is the result of a world network of persons, governments, private enterprises, regional, and international organizations, in particular the so-called FAO INFO Services (INFOPESCA, INFOPECHE, INFOSAMAK, EASTFISH, EUROFISH, GLOBEFISH, INFOYU, leaded by INFOFISH).

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NEFMC Report on Fishery Management Plans Available

The New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) has developed nine fishery management plans (FMPs) to date. Eight FMPs, (Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish), Scallop, Monkfish, Herring, Small Mesh Multispecies, Red Crab, Spiny Dogfish and Atlantic Salmon) have been implemented by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The ninth, the Northeast Skate Complex FMP, is under development.

NEFMC has produced a report entitled *Heading Towards Recovery - Rebuilding New England's Fisheries*. This report covers improvements under the programs, and challenges for the programs. Details on important partnerships, such as enforcement, the US/Canada Sharing Agreement, and collaborative research, are also included.

The report is available in PDF format at: <http://www.nefmc.org/documents/NE%20Fisheries%20Brochure.PDF>

For more information on NEFMC, please visit the website: <http://www.nefmc.org>

NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Now Electronic

On August 26, NRCS Chief Bruce Knight launched the electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG). This electronic version replaces the paper-based guide, and makes updated information available to anyone with web access.

This website would be valuable to IIFET members interested in conservation practices, management and planning in natural resources, and resource economics. It provides references and electronic links to researchers, universities, and cooperating agencies, as well as conservation practice costs, agricultural laws and regulations, and computer-based tools used in resource analysis. It contains information, data, and interpretations about soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources. There is also an economic resources web page that provides links to various other reports, networks, and websites.

The eFOTG is available at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/> with a fact sheet at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/news/factsheets/overview.html>

New WWF International Paper on Ecosystem-Based Management of Marine Capture Fisheries

Policy Proposals and Operational Guidance for Ecosystem-Based Management of Marine Capture Fisheries, by T. Ward, E. Hegerl., D. Tarte, and K. Short, is a global policy paper outlining a direction and nine key actions to achieve improved management of marine capture fisheries while preventing further loss of and decline in the health of marine ecosystems. WWF is committed to developing these actions with commercial fisheries throughout the world.

The full Technical Document and Summary can be downloaded from: http://www.panda.org/downloads/marine/EBM_Marine_Capture_Fisheries_Full.pdf. The document and Summary in French, Spanish and English are available in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) from espcomms@wwfint.org and publications@wwf.org.au.

Motu: Economic and Public Policy Research Trust, New Zealand

Motu is a non-profit Research Trust that carries out research in the areas of Environmental Regulation and Social Policy. The organization promotes well-informed debate on public policy issues relevant to New Zealand. They do this primarily by carrying out objective academic research.

The Moto newsletter, *Motu Research Update*, features research updates and reports, as well as providing a partial list of recent publications. For more information, please visit the website (<http://www.motu.org.nz>) or e-mail Motu at info@motu.org.nz. The current newsletter can be viewed at: http://www.motu.org.nz/pdf/web_newsletter_3.PDF. The recent issue included articles on quota markets, property taxation, renewable energy and climate policy, and land use issues.

Food Security and Fishery Products Trade Study

A study on the Impact of International Trade in Fishery Products on Food Security (IITFPFS) is being undertaken this year (2003) by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway. The study has just commenced and has a website: <http://www.tradefoodfish.org>. IIFET members are invited to log in to the site for more information after its launch on 12 February 2003.

Northeast Consortium Announces FY2002 Spending Plan

The following information is from *Fishing for Data*, the newsletter of the Gulf of Maine Aquarium. The Northeast Consortium (NEC) has released the details of how it will spend five million dollars toward cooperative research activities throughout New England this year. There will be eighteen new Cooperative Research projects totaling \$2,989,311 (see list of projects below). This accounts for 62% of the funding. In addition, NEC anticipates funding six to ten Project Development Awards next month (approximately \$160,000).

From the remaining funds, NEC will support a workshop on trawl selectivity and conservation by Pingguo He of UNH (\$63,803), continue to fund the socioeconomic impact assessment enhancement project by Robert Robertson and Bruce Lindsay of UNH (\$43,500) and continue two outreach and education projects, the marine resource education project by Mimi Becker and Andy Rosenberg (UNH) and John Williamson (\$232,092), and the Adopt-a-Boat education project by Cliff Goudey (MIT) and several partners (\$262,360).

Additionally, UNH administration will total \$351,779 (or 5.9%) and UNH outreach will cost \$189,914 (or 3.2%) of the total funds available in FY2002. NEC will also be providing funds to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to develop a cooperative research project database (\$73,260) and to UNH for a cooperative research fellowship program (\$55,400). The University of New Hampshire will also receive \$125,636 in indirect charges while NOAA Administration will receive \$80,000 in funds this year. There was also a NOAA budget cut of \$62,960 that impacted NEC's FY2002 funding.

NEC will continue its efforts to build cooperative research capacity among fishermen and scientists throughout New England through several outreach subcontracts as part of the FY2002 spending plan. These include: collaborative research workshops and facilitation through the Gulf of Maine Aquarium (\$80,042) and the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership (\$32,373); *Collaborations* newsletter and a research reporter at the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA) (\$60,875); and cooperative research organizational capacity support in two fishermen's cooperatives (approximately \$100,000).

A separate one million dollars will also be administered by NEC for Right Whale Research in FY2002. The Right Whale Research funds will be used for four continuing projects (\$656,339) and Project Development (approximately \$230,000). Other costs include UNH indirect costs (\$79,000), NOAA Administration (\$20,000) and a NOAA budget cut (\$15,740).

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.FishResearch.org>

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

*Due to the proliferation of conferences of potential interest to our diverse membership, we have limited information to a simple calendar format. Detail will be provided on selected conferences only (featured conferences are marked with a * in the calendar).*

Conference Calendar

DATE	TOPIC/TITLE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
February 12-15	Fifth International Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics "Frontiers 2: European Applications in Ecological Economics"	Tenerife Canary Islands, Spain	http://www.euroecolecon.org/frontiers
February 12-15	11th Annual Spring Meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society: Fisheries Socioeconomics	Wilmington, NC, USA	http://www.sdafs.org/meetings/03sdafs/2003home.htm
April 3-5	VIIIth Spring Meeting of Young Economists	Leuven, Belgium	Catholic University of Leuven (K.U.Leuven), Belgium http://www.econ.kuleuven.ac.be/smye/Call.htm
April 22-26	Oceans III Millennium	Universidad de Alicante, Spain	Second International Congress on Marine Science and Technology http://www.fomar.org
April 28-30	A National Conference on Management of Common Property Resources and Equity: Exploring Lessons from Nepal	Katmandu, Nepal	http://www.forestation.org/conferencebrochuredec3.doc
May 2-3	2003 National Workshop of the Economics and Environment Network (EEN)	Canberra, ACT, Australia	Dr. R. Quentin Grafton , ggrafton@cres.anu.edu.au http://een.anu.edu.au/ The deadline for the call for papers: March 14, 2003.

DATE	TOPIC/TITLE	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
May 4-7	North American Association of Fisheries Economists' 2003 Forum*	Williamsburg, Virginia, USA	Conference co-chairmen Dr. Jim Kirkley (kirkley@vims.edu) and Mr. Tom Murray (tjm@vims.edu)
May 30-31	Inequality, Poverty, and Human Well-Being	Helsinki, Finland	World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER) at United Nations University (UNU), Finland http://www.wider.unu.edu
June 12-14	Rights and Duties in the Coastal Zone: Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference on Sustainable Coastal Zone Management	Stockholm, Sweden	http://www.beijer.kva.se/conference.htm
June 14-17	Infofish/Vietfish Aquaculture Expo	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	http://www.infofish.org
June 15-17	Organic Aquaculture and Sea Farming 2003 Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	http://www.infofish.org
June 16-19	10th Ulvon Conference in Environmental Economics	Ulvon, Sweden	http://www.sekon.slu.se/~bkr/ulv03.htm
July 3-5	International Conference on Policy Modeling	Istanbul, Turkey	Global Economic Modeling (EcoMod) Network http://www.ecomod.net/conferences/ecomod2003/ecomod2003.htm Registration Deadline: March 31, 2003
July 9-12	First Latin American Environmental And Resource Economics Congress	Cartagena, Colombia	http://www.alear.org The deadline for the call for papers: March 1st, 2003.
November 19-22	2003 China International Recreation Fisheries and Aquaria Congress & Exhibition	Shenzhen, China	Deadline for the call for papers: October 10, 2003 Nelson Tse, Director of International Affairs, CFS Leisure Fishery Center, nelson@leisurefishery.com
November 21-23	The Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association	San Antonio, Texas	The deadline for the call for papers: send brief abstract to John Whitehead (whiteheadj@uncw.edu) by March 1
December 1-4	Deep Sea 2003	Queenstown, New Zealand	http://www.deepsea.govt.nz/
May 2-6, 2004	4th World Fisheries Congress	Vancouver, Canada	For more information, please go to the conference website at http://www.worldfisheries2004.org/home.htm
July, 2004	IIFET 2004*	Tokyo, Japan	http://www.oregonstate.edu/Dept/IIFET/Japan/Japanupdate.html

POST-CONFERENCE REPORTS

Fishery Management and Multi-Level Decision Systems Conference Report

A Conference organised by IREPA Onlus on the occasion of its first 20 years of activity ended October 19, 2003. The Conference brought together a considerable number of leading figures in the fishery sector. Moreover, several friends from research, industry, government and international agencies, who have been working with IREPA in recent years attended the event, sharing the charter members' enthusiasm for such a crucial moment in the life of the Institute.

The importance and relevance of the conference's main topic, "Fishery Management and Multi-Level Decisional Systems: the Mediterranean Case", aroused the interest of the audience and allowed a stimulating debate.

At the opening, representatives of the local Administrations and the Rector of the University of Salerno, Prof. Pasquino, expressed their regards and wishes to the Chairperson of IREPA Onlus, Massimo Spagnolo, who introduced the main Conference topic.

Ichiro Nomura, in charge of the Fishing Department and Assistant Director General of the FAO, chaired the first session of the Conference, entitled “Fishery Economists: a Resource for Resources”. Leading fisheries economists gave keynote speeches on the analysis of management features and international aspects of Mediterranean fishing, emphasizing the importance of common property rights.

Jon Sutinen, from the University of Rhode Island, closely examined the evidence related to the assignment of common property rights. He also analysed available measures for worldwide fishery management, highlighting the positive outcomes of ITQ implementation in areas other than the Mediterranean Sea. Yet, Sutinen pointed out that the same management measures could not apply to the Mediterranean context. In this last case, in fact, community-based management measures allocating use rights to local fishermen cooperatives would be more effective.

Rognvaldur Hannesson from the Norwegian University of Bergen, reporting his experiences based on the American context, examined the role performed by cooperatives in the management of US fisheries in the Pacific. Structural features in which the two areas are similar and those that, on the contrary, result in major differences, were highlighted. Currently, from the perspective of cooperative resource management, the main difference is to be found in the system’s ability to operate within the framework of an industry of considerable dimensions. Despite the fact that the fleet is highly industrialized, the innovation lies in the success of the system in introducing resource conservation measures to the benefit of present as well as future generations.

Professor Ragnar Arnason, from the University of Reykjavik, analysed in depth topics related to fisheries joint-management and self-management, and their possible application in the Mediterranean Sea. Particularly, through experiences gained in a context biologically and economically similar to that of the Mediterranean, Arnason explained both positive and adverse aspects connected to the implementation of Fishing Districts.

The interest of Italian fishing industries in this topic is well known. Indeed, Arnason’s report provided a useful opportunity to investigate several aspects of the Italian debate on this issue.

Gordon Munro, of the Canadian University of British Columbia, dealt with the question of management of shared and highly migratory fish stocks. From experience gained during the UN negotiations in preparation for the Convention on the Law of the Sea, Prof. Munro highlighted some relevant aspects of Mediterranean fishing management. In this context, fleets of different countries use the same resources generating conflicts among vessels. Munro’s report clarified the growing importance of this issue both for its effect on the international context and for the low efficiency of the current multilevel management system in the Mediterranean. The bluefin tuna and swordfish fisheries represent two specific examples. The topic of shared stock fisheries was thoroughly debated.

The chairmen of National Associations of Italian fishery, Ettore Iani, Chairperson of Legapesca, Giampaolo Buonfiglio, Chairperson of AGCI, Massimo Coccia, Chairperson of Federcoopesca and Luigi Giannini, Manager of Federpesca, were all involved in the debate playing the role of discussants. They took the opportunity to discuss the variety of topics dealt with in the keynote speeches.

This unusual way of conducting the debate adopted by IREPA aroused further interest in the audience. Indeed, besides the scholars’ theoretical contributions, the commitment and competence of the Representatives of the National Associations of Italian fisheries enriched the discussion due to their concrete management experience.

“Fishery Management and Multi-Level Decisional Systems: the Mediterranean Case” was the title of the second day of the Conference. The round table, chaired by the Institute’s Chairperson, Massimo Spagnolo, was attended by representatives directly charged with responsibility for the decision-making processes at different management levels. Directors General of Fishery for Italy (Dr. Tripodi), France, (Ms. Aurand), Portugal, (Ms. Monteiro), the European Commission (Director Mastracchio), and the Secretary of the General Fisheries Council of the Mediterranean for FAO, (Ms. Bonzon) took part in the round table. The debate dealt with some of the most controversial areas of the current system for resource management in the Mediterranean as well as in other international contexts. The difficulty of coordinating strategies at different levels and the need for setting competencies among the various management agencies in a consistent framework of responsibilities clearly emerged. During the debate Dr. Mastracchio was given the opportunity to illustrate, for the first time, the basic outline of the Community Action Plan for the Mediterranean Sea in the framework of the Common Fisheries Policy.

The subsequent debate brought together representatives of the administrative system, research and environmental groups, as well as scholars and delegates of professional organizations, to define measures and strategies to implement a sustainable and profitable multilevel management system.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

New Program for 2003 from the Centre for Fisheries & Aquaculture Management & Economics (FAME)

Centre for Fisheries and Aquaculture Management and Economics (FAME) is a network and resource school within resource and fisheries management and economics connecting universities, research institutions and researchers. The purpose of FAME is to strengthen the research in the area by creating a forum in which senior economists and Ph.D. students can present intermediate results and extend their personal network. Further, the objective is to offer a comprehensive program of Ph.D. courses. The aim is to promote all types of cooperation related to the management and economics. Two Ph.D. positions and a Post doc position will be available shortly. Each workshop will consider central topics such as sustainability, property rights and institutional changes and multiple and conflicting use of natural resources. The Ph.D. courses will be within issues such as valuation, dynamic modeling, newer regulation theory and international trade policy.

It is possible to join the network as an associated partner. In 2002 the network has been extended with Nordic research institutions within resource and fisheries management and economics.

The workshops and courses are open for all researchers and Ph.D. students. All interested in participating may contact Niels Vestergaard for more information (nv@sam.sdu.dk). Further information, updates, and the course and workshop schedule are also available at: <http://www.sam.sdu.dk/fame/>

Ph.D.-Course on International Trade, Resources and Environment

FAME and the Nordic Network in Resource and Fisheries Economics and Management (NorFame) in cooperation with the Danish Network for Environmental Economic Research Education (DNEERE), is offering a Ph.D. course titled *International Trade, Resources and Environment*. The course aims at introducing to the Ph.D. students the recent developments in the linkages between trade, resources and environment and the role and interaction of trade and environmental policy. It will familiarise the students with the latest applications of economic methods for the analysis of trade and the environment. The course will be held March 10-14, 2003, in Esbjerg, Denmark.

The course is free of charge for anyone wishing to participate. Deadline for enrollment is February 20, 2003. Travel and accommodation expenses are covered for a limited number of participants from the Nordic and Baltic countries by a grant from NorFa. Please notify us when you enroll.

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4th World Fisheries Congress

The Co-Chairs of the 4th World Fisheries Congress are pleased to present our new website (<http://www.worldfisheries2004.org>).

The American Fisheries Society has been honoured to be selected as the host of the 4th Congress at the Beijing, China assembly of the 3rd World Fisheries Congress, thanks to the efforts of the International Fisheries Section. Vancouver, British Columbia, has been selected as the host city, thus will provide an opportunity for all to easily attend the upcoming Congress, May 2-6, 2004. This is the first time this global event has been held in North America.

The Theme of the 4th Congress is: “Reconciling Fisheries with Conservation: The Challenge of Managing Aquatic Ecosystems”

An international array of prestigious fisheries scientists will be giving keynote addresses, and chairing program sessions. In addition, the program contains over 40 sessions that address the most pressing issues in fisheries management in both freshwater and marine ecosystems, along with a special forum for interested industry representatives and non-governmental organizations. The details of the program and venue are provided as they become available on the web page.

An expression of interest form is included on the web page to ensure you are kept current on all future announcements. We will periodically provide you with an update notice concerning any news and pertinent deadlines related to the Congress. We will also be calling on all of the Chapters, Sections, and Divisions of the American Fisheries Society to ask assistance in putting on the Congress to ensure the international family of fisheries professionals that visit North America will experience a World Class event.



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