

KOREAN CHAPTER

ABALONE AND THE RIO 2016 OLYMPICS

Wando, an island at the southern end of South Korea, sent 30 kg of smoked abalone to the Rio Olympic village to support South Korean athletes. Smoked abalone is considered to be an energy booster. Wando said it sent the seafood to support South Korean Olympic golf coach Kyung-ju Choi, who was born in Wando, and to provide energy to his team. Choi, commonly known as K.J. Choi, is a South Korean golfer who has won 20 professional golf tournaments worldwide since he turned pro in 1994. He has spent 40 weeks in the top-10 of world rankings after winning the Players Championship in 2011. Choi is also the first Olympic golf coach in the country. koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/sports/2016/08/600_211782.html



a special symposium on the current status and future prospects of the seaweed. The theme was the “Current Status and Prospects of Seaweed Industry” and the following topics were presented: (1) present status and future trends in the Korean seaweed industry, (2) availability and usage of seaweeds, (3) current status and prospect of *gim* (laver) export, (5) promotion of stable export expansion plan in *gim* export measures, and (5) plans for promoting and expanding *gim* exports.

BIOFLOC FISH CULTURE TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR

The National Institute of Fisheries and Science (NIFS) held a seminar on biofloc fish culture technology on 12 May at the Inland Fisheries Research Center, NIFS. Topics such as development of biofloc fish culture technology, water desalination system management plan and fish building forms using BFT were discussed.

OYSTER INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

A workshop organized by the National Institute of Fisheries Science (NIFS; Formerly National Fisheries Research and Development Institute) was held on 22 June Tongyeong City to seek plans for oyster industry development. Over 100 participants from fishermen organizations, local government officials, academics and the general public gathered to discuss topics on expanding domestic consumption and the export market. To overcome current problems, several topics were presented: (1) Dr. Pyung Am Bae (Chairman of the Korea Aqua Forum) presented “Oyster Aquaculture Industry - Past, Present and Future,” (2) Dr. Young Baek Hur (NIFS) presented “Korean Oyster Aquaculture Industry Development and Future Strategy,” (3) Seong Eum (Chairman of the Korea Shellfish Seed Association) reported the current issues and development plan of the artificial seed industry, and (4) Dr. Jong-Soo Mok (NIFS) proposed “Hygiene Measures for Expansion of Oyster Export Market and Domestic Consumption.” Finally, Prof. Woo-Geon Jeong (Gyeongsang National University) chaired the wrap-up discussion session.

BRING A HEALTHY FUTURE WITH SEAWEEDS

The special exhibition “Bring a Healthy Future with Seaweeds,” organized by the Seaweed Research Center, National Institute of Fisheries Science was held from 14-19 July at the Jeolla Provincial Library, Muan, Jeonnamdo. At the exhibition venue, dried seaweed specimens, photos and panels of seaweed materials were displayed. There were hands-on and photo zones where participants enjoyed and had a special experience.

As a satellite event, the Seaweed Research Center held

ABALONE INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

The Abalone Industry Association of Korea held an abalone industry workshop on 21 July at the Abalone Institute, Jeonnamdo Marine Fisheries Research and Development Institute. Over 50 professionals attended. Dr. Woo Cheol Shin, Mayor of Wando-Gun said that “We expect that we can stabilize abalone aquaculture by supplying superior abalone seed and promote exports to China through cooperation between producers and exporters.” Topics such as high-quality abalone production, tight registration and sanitary procedures for export goods, developing a win-win cooperative network system among abalone organizations were discussed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUSAN INTERNATIONAL SEAFOOD & FISHERIES EXPO 2016 (BISFE 2016)

Busan Metropolitan City hosts the Busan International Seafood & Fisheries Expo 2016 (BISFE 2016) on 27-29 October at BEXCO Exhibition Center I, Busan. More than 400 exhibitors with 850 booths from 30 countries will participate this year. This event has been organized by BEXCO, Korea Fishery Trade Association, National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives, and KOTRA and supported by the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy, Korea Fisheries Association, and Korea Overseas Fisheries Association.

During the exhibition, seafood, fisheries equipment (including seafood processing machinery, aquaculture equipment, HACCP facilities), marine biotechnology (including aquaculture feeds, drugs, research achievements) and fishing articles will be exhibited. In conjunction with the BISFE 2016, several international events (Foreign Buyer Business Meeting, Korean Buyer Business Meeting, Industrial Tour) and academic seminars (International Conference of KOFFST, Busan Fisheries Policy Forum, fisheries administration meeting of metropolitan cities and provinces, Aquaculture Technology Workshop, Marine Bio Promotion Events) will be held. www.bisfe.com/index-e.php

TENTH WORLD OCEAN FORUM 2016

The World Ocean Forum (WOF), contributing to the realization of marine powers and aiming for something similar to the Davos Forum in terms of the oceans, celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. The WOF has been developed as a forum

for global debate on analyzing various issues and seeking their measures with world-class scholars and marine experts. It is being organized by the Korea Association of Marine Industry and hosted by the Korean Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Busan Metropolitan City, and BusanIlbo. The Tenth WOF 2016 will be held from 11-13 October under the theme of “Ocean: The Beginning of a New Era” in Busan, the Ocean Capital of Korea.

The future strategy to sense the change of the ocean industry and a new ocean value with IBCA platforms in a new paradigm of the fourth industrial revolution will be discussed. Future strategies will be explored to create new values from the oceans by understanding new trends in the marine industry by using big data platforms. It is important to raise awareness of the marine industry and promote the development of the domestic marine industry, a blue ocean and food warehouse for humanity in the future, and share insights of the future marine industry for 2016 with professionals from North East Asian countries and major developed countries, and find a way to achieve sustainable development of the oceans. www.wof.kr/eng/html/02_forum/forum_01.php

THE 12TH JAPAN-KOREAN JOINT SYMPOSIUM ON AQUACULTURE

The 12th Japan-Korean Joint Symposium on Aquaculture will be held on 3-4 November 2016 at Mie University, Tsu, Japan. The participants of the joint symposium and the annual meeting of the Japanese Society of Aquaculture Science will join the special event - Ama (Haenyo) Summit in Shima Peninsula, Japan. For additional information, contact Prof. Takao Yoshimatsu (takaoyos@bio.mie-u.ac.jp) or Prof. Ik Kyo Chung (ikchung@pnu.edu). The deadline for abstract submissions is 7 October 2016. www.wfb.jp/zoushoku/Japan_Korea_Sympo2016/160810_12th_Japan-Korea_JointSymposium.pdf

WANDO SEAWEED EXPO 2017

The government has decided to recognize next year’s seaweed expo in the southwestern coastal county of Wando as an international event. The finance ministry’s international events screening panel will subsidize the event with some 3 billion won (US\$2.63 million), plus administrative support. The 2017 event, set to be held in the county’s port and its vicinity for a 24-day run from 14 April 2017, will present the future of the seaweed industry. www.wandoexpo.com

— *Ik Kyo Chung, President*

ASIAN PACIFIC CHAPTER

After the great success of Asian Pacific Aquaculture 2016 (APA’16), beginning my term as President of the Asian Pacific Chapter of the World Aquaculture Society has been a great value to me. The chapter has become more effective and more developed as a society. We have many exciting upcoming events, plans for new honors and awards, and better engagement to build a strong team among the executive committee. We have held monthly meetings to gain more ideas and develop plans for the future. The current APC Board includes Dr. Farshad Shishehchian, Dr. Guiallume Drillet, Dr. S. Felix, Mr. Allen Ming-Hsun Wu, Ms. May Myat Noe Lwin, Ms. Amornrat Boonchuay and Dr. Dinesh Kaippilly.

The ACCRRI’16 conference and tradeshow has been organized by Tamil Nadu Fisheries University in collaboration with the Asian Pacific Chapter of WAS. The conference emphasizes the need for the industry to consider production system, feed and disease management as the elements of biosecurity that are needed to move shrimp farming in India forward. It also aims to develop a network needed in all areas of aquaculture business, research, marketing and value chain. The ACCRRI’16 has the theme “Reflect and Restore Tempo of Vannamei Shrimp Farming in India” and will be held at Hotel Green Park, Chennai, India from 23-24 August 2016. It will focus on contemporary issues and include a trade show with many booths showing the latest products and services. Speakers will include Dr. Kevin Fitzsimmons, Dr. Farshad Shishehchian, Dr.



Yoram Avnimelech, Dr. Tzachi Samocha, Dr. Luo Chu Fang, and Dr. A.V. Suresh.

Another upcoming event supported by the Asian Pacific Chapter this year is the AquaSG’16- Innovation and Investment in Aquaculture that will be held in Singapore from 19-21 October 2016. Researchers, investors, farmers, feed manufacturers, nutritionists, environmental agencies, decision makers and stakeholders from the international aquaculture industry can look forward to an exceptional platform for learning and discussing ideas about aquaculture

science and technology. This will be a 3-day conference and exhibition, with a pre-conference workshop. Dr. Slamet Soebjakto, Dr. Albert G. J. Tacon, Dr. Claude E. Boyd, Dr. Shaun M. Moss, Dr. Farshad Shishehchian, Dr. Wendy Sealey, Dr. Endhay K. Kontara have been invited to share their industry knowledge and best practices during the workshops and conference.

In 2017, the exciting event of Asian Pacific Aquaculture 2017 (APA’17) will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at Putra World Trade Centre from 24-27 July 2017. APA’17 will be hosted by the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industries, Malaysia. Special sessions will be held to address the everyday practical concerns and needs of aquaculture farmers. The conference will include a large exhibition featuring international companies showcasing the latest in products, services and all aquaculture related information.

— *Endhay Kusnendar Kontara, President*