

PLANNING UPDATES FOR CONFERENCES IN MONTPELLIER AND BOGOTÁ

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT AQUA 2018

Both AQUA2018 Keynote Presentations will be given during the Plenary Session on Sunday, August 26 in the Berlioz Auditorium of Le Corum. The Plenary Session will be followed by the AQUA2018 Student Spotlight Awards. Updated information on AQUA 2018 can be found at www.aquaeas.eu or www.was.org.

Robins McIntosh, Executive Vice President of Charoen Pokphand Foods PLC, will speak about “Charoen Pokphand Foods – Changing the Face of Asian Aquaculture.” Robins McIntosh is an executive vice president of the Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Company Limited (CPF), the largest integrated producer of aquaculture shrimp in the world. His responsibilities include management of the shrimp broodstock development and genetics programs. He joined CPF in 2001 and was tasked with the job of reviving the companies shrimp aquaculture division. As part of this process he oversaw the introduction of *P. vannamei* into Thailand, the development of SPF *P. monodon*, and the modernization of hatcheries, and farms. His work at CPF increased shrimp production at the company from 5,000 t to over 90,000 t annually in 2010. These changes that were introduced into CPF eventually made their way into most of Asian shrimp culture, turning a stagnant industry into one of the most dynamic growth stories ever in aquaculture. Prior to his work at CPF Mr. McIntosh developed and was general manager of Belize Aquaculture Ltd: a farm credited with revolutionizing the way in which shrimp can be grown with minimal water exchange and high efficiency. He graduated with a BA from Vanderbilt University, and a MA from the University of South Florida.

Øyvind Oaland, Global Director, R&D and Technical, Marine Harvest ASA, will speak about “Technological Innovation in Salmon Farming,” and how Marine Harvest is addressing current challenges and how technological innovations and new production platforms will facilitate sustainable growth. Øyvind Oaland has served as head of the Global Research and Development department in Marine Harvest since 2008 and is member of the senior management team in Marine Harvest Group. He has long experience from research and technical area within salmon farming and processing and has been with Marine Harvest since 2000. Prior to taking the position as Global Director Research & Development in 2008, he held various positions within the group in the areas of fish health, food safety



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and product quality. Øyvind has a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the Norwegian School of Veterinary Science.

PRESS CONFERENCE AT AQUA 2018

The FAO Fisheries & Aquaculture Department, the European Commission and the AQUA2018 conference organizers will hold the AQUA2018 Press Conference at 1800 h on August 27, 2018 at Le Corum, Montpellier, France with the following speakers:

- **Dr. Árni Mathiesen**, Assistant Director General, FAO Fisheries & Aquaculture Department,
- **Mr. Karmenu Vella**, EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries,
- High-level representatives from a number of leading aquaculture countries such as China, Norway, Thailand, Ecuador and Africa.

During the follow-up reception selected aquaculture products prepared by chef Jacques Pourcel can be tasted and journalists will be able to meet with key stakeholders.

TECHNICAL EXCURSIONS AT AQUA 2018

Two technical excursions or farm tours are offered to AQUA 2018 participants.

The first, prior to the event on Saturday August 25 will visit the IFREMER research station at Palavas (sea bass and algae culture) and then the “Poissons du Soleil” sea bass, sea bream and meagre hatchery, the oldest private fish hatchery on the Mediterranean Sea. The tour will depart from Le Corum Congress Centre at 0800 h and return at 1630 h. The tour is limited to 50 people and the cost is US\$ 75, which includes lunch.

The second tour, on Thursday August 30 just after AQUA 2018 will visit oyster farms at the famous Etang de Thau. The Thau lagoon is the biggest and the deepest lagoon of the French Mediterranean, providing 10 percent of the total French Pacific oyster *Crassostrea gigas* production. The tour will depart from Le Corum Congress Centre at 0900 h and return at 1500 h. The tour is limited to 100 people and the cost is US\$ 100 and includes farm visits by boat and oyster tasting.

Register for tours on the WAS website (www.was.org).

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PLENARY SPEAKERS FOR LACQUAI8

The LACQUAI8 conference organizing committee has confirmed the participation of Drs. Alejandro Flores and Sara Patricia Bonilla in the opening plenary of the conference.

Alejandro Flores is an Aquaculture Engineer from the Mar Technological Institute of Veracruz, Mexico. He joined the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 2009, where he has been Coordinator of the Multidisciplinary Team for South America, as well as FAO representative in Argentina and Chile. He currently serves as Senior Officer of Fisheries and Aquaculture for Latin America and the Caribbean. He has conducted processes such as the formulation of National Plans and Policies for the Development of Aquaculture and Fisheries in Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. In FAO, he has led regional processes to promote the sustainable development of aquaculture and fisheries. He has also conducted a regional program to strengthen the capacities of aquaculturists with limited resources, for their self-sustainability and inclusion in markets beyond their communities.

Sara Patricia Bonilla has been the Executive Director of the Colombian Federation of Aquaculture Producers (FEDEACUA) since 2012. Since 2004 his professional career has been developed in the area of aquaculture. She was Executive Vice President of Acuana, a guild of shrimp producers in Colombia and also worked in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development as National Technical Secretary of the Aquaculture Chain. As Executive

Director, Sara Patricia leads the Quality Program in the aquaculture sector in Colombia, which aims to implement Good Aquaculture Practices, and which has had favorable results for the Colombian fish industry, reflected in the increase in Colombian exports, positioning the country as the second supplier of fresh tilapia fillets to the United States.

On October 25, a special session will be held on a UNIDO regional project on "Improvement of Productivity and Competitiveness of the Value Chains of Fisheries in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region." The coordinator of the session will be **Alejandro Rivera Rojas**, Program Officer of the Latin American and Caribbean Division of UNIDO. This session will present the regional action plan, results by country and continuity proposals, as well as the presentation of the Technical Guide on the application of resource efficiency and cleaner production in the shrimp farming sector.

FARM TOURS FOR LACQUAI8

Within the framework of the event, the possibility of two visits to aquaculture production systems will be offered:

Option 1: visit to the production company of rainbow trout and vegetables in aquaponic system.

Option 2: visit to a production system of red tilapia in biofloc, with a subsequent trip to the company producing ornamental fish and aquatic plants. The two tours will be held on Tuesday, October 23 and Saturday, October 27, so you can attend a tour every day.

2017 OUTSTANDING REVIEWERS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

Awards in the categories of Review Article, Applied Studies, and Fundamental Studies. All papers are available at onlinelibrary.wiley.com or under Publications at www.was.org.

In the category of Review Article, the 2017 Best Paper Award has been awarded to Robert Pomeroy, Hap Navy, Alice Joan Ferrer, and Agus H. Purnomo for their paper entitled

"Linkages and Trust in the Value Chain for Small-scale Aquaculture in Asia" (JWAS 48(4):542-554).

In the category of Applied Studies, the 2017 Best Paper Award has been awarded to Claude E. Boyd, Aaron A. McNevin, Phoebe Racine, Huynh Quoc Tinh, Hang Ngo Minh, Rawee Viriyatum, Duangchai Paungkaew, and Carole Engle for their paper entitled "Resource Use Assessment of Shrimp, *Litopenaeus vannamei* and *Penaeus monodon*, Production in Thailand and Vietnam" (JWAS 48(2):201-226).

In the category of Fundamental Studies, the 2017 Best Paper

Award has been awarded to Yongxin Liu, Runqing Yang, Yi Liu, and Fei Si for their paper entitled "Use of Microsatellite DNA Profiling to Identify Japanese Flounder, *Paralichthys olivaceus* of Hatchery Origin" (JWAS 48(2):353-359).

2017 BEST ARTICLE IN WORLD AQUACULTURE

Every year, the WAS Board of Directors sponsors a monetary award (\$100) to the authors of the best article published in *World Aquaculture* magazine as a way to encourage high-quality submissions. The WAS Honors and Awards Committee has selected the article by Andrew D. Suhrbier, Daniel P. Cheney, Jeffery R. Cordell, William F. Dewey, Jonathan P. Davis and João G. Ferreira on "Innovative Farming Methods for Production and Harvest of Manila Clams in Washington State, USA." The article appeared in the December 2017 issue of *World Aquaculture*. Congratulations to Andrew and his co-authors!

NEW BOOK IN THE WAS ONLINE STORE

Cleaner Fish Biology and Aquaculture Applications reviews and presents new knowledge on the biology of the utilized cleaner fish species, and provides protocols in cleaner fish rearing, deployment, health and welfare. ISBN: 9781912158218, 464 pages, hardcover.