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ACFFA Annual Meeting Tackles Sea Lice

The Atlantic Canada Fish Farmers Association, (formerly the New Brunswick Salmon Growers Association) hosted its annual general meeting and technical reviews on November 29 and 30, 2010. The intent of these sessions was to bring together aquaculture industry representatives from various provinces with other stakeholders to review preliminary results of the various initiatives and research projects undertaken in 2010. Over 160 registered for these sessions.



Most significantly, this meeting provided an opportunity to review the research projects undertaken in support of sea lice management and progress toward the development of a fully operational integrated pest management strategy for sea lice. This information then provided the basis for an invitational research meeting hosted on December 1, 2010. This workshop was designed to bring together multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional perspectives to draft research programs for 2011 to build on existing and new knowledge but also strive to address remaining knowledge gaps and further the development of non-chemical sea lice management tools and strategies. Over 60 participants attended.

These meetings build on a process that started in late 2009 and early 2010 and supports a collaborative approach to R&D with regulators, academia, the conservation and fishery sectors, pharmaceutical companies and the salmon farming industry.

Discussion at the workshop was focused on developing a research program with projects that would:

- provide the information necessary to support regulatory access and eventual licensing of new products for sea lice treatment
- provide the information necessary to ensure that product treatments achieve optimal results
- provide an improved understanding of sea lice dynamics in the Bay of Fundy to support ecosystem based management strategies
- test non-chemical approaches to sea lice management
- ensure that the appropriate data is collected to provide support through modeling to an effective integrated approach to sea lice management and ecosystem management

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By Betty House, ACFFA

Why I Support the Student Endowment Fund?



“My first introduction to Canadian Aquaculture science was through the AAC many, *many* years ago. It provided an excellent forum for me as I moved slowly but steadily from wild fish parasites towards aquaculture and aquatic animal health research. The forum is dynamic, thought provoking and a great staging point for bouncing innovative ideas off a broad spectrum of expertise. This is all something I would hate to see missed because of a lack of funding and, having served on the AAC Board, I know my donation will be well spent in providing relief where this is a real challenge to student participation.”

Sharon McGladdery is a past President of the AAC and is presently the Director of St. Andrews Biological Station (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)



"I donate to the student endowment fund because I believe that supporting students to come to meetings etc. helps to create the next generation of aquaculture scientists and also makes the meeting better. The students bring their own unique insights, research projects and enthusiasm to the meetings which elevates the meeting to a higher level and making it more fun for everyone. It also allows me to meet future graduate students and people I may have the privilege to work with in the future.”

Shawn Robinson is a past President of the AAC and is presently a Research Scientist at the St. Andrews Biological Station (Fisheries and Oceans Canada)



“Shawn Robinson and I were honoured to be the joint recipients of the 2009 AAC Research Award of Excellence. Covering our travel and accommodation expenses could have been a significant amount of money for the AAC to attend a conference we were already planning to attend. Instead we thought the money could be better used as a donation to the Student Endowment Fund (SEF). Students are the fresh blood of the Association and the aquaculture sector. The SEF supports the students in many ways and that will contribute to ensure the next generation of aquaculturists is ready to take up the next challenges as the industry expands and evolves.”

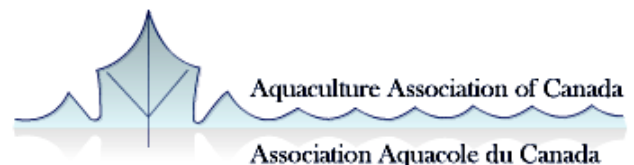
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Student Volunteers, Étudiants Volontaires, needed for Aquaculture Canada^{OM} 2011

Aquaculture Canada^{OM} 2011 (AC11) Conference is a great opportunity for students to network with industry, government and academia. Take the centre stage and present your exciting research project. Join in the social events and meet the key industry players. Networking is an exhilarating path to future opportunities.



La conférence Aquaculture Canada^{OM} 2011 (AC11) est une belle opportunité offerte aux étudiants de rencontrer les gens de l'industrie, du gouvernement et des universités. Prenez le devant de l'affiche en y présentant vos travaux de recherche. Participez aux différents événements et venez rencontrer les acteurs clés de cette industrie. Le réseautage est la voie rêvée pour créer des opportunités futures.



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Thank you!

Did you donate to the Student Endowment Fund this past year and we missed you in the Watermark? Let us know!

Nominations in for the Research Award of Excellence!



The Board of Directors can annually recognize individuals for their outstanding research contribution to aquaculture in Canada. Awardees will be invited to the Annual Meeting where they will be presented with a medal and/or plaque and asked to give a special presentation. The Research Award of Excellence recipients will be recorded in the Conference Proceedings.

A brief letter outlining why the individual deserves the honour, should be sent to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Joy Wade at Joy2004Wade@yahoo.ca.

Eligibility

Any individual engaged in aquaculture-related research in Canada will be eligible to receive the Research Award of Excellence.

Criteria

The Research Award of Excellence will recognize high quality, innovative current research that has had a significant impact on the aquaculture industry in Canada.

The criteria for evaluating the current research program of nominees are intended to be inclusive. That is, people involved in research from academia, government laboratories, industry, etc. should all be equally considered as potential nominees.

The deadline date for nominations for the AAC Research Award of Excellence is March 25, 2011

Call for nominations for the AAC Board of Directors

Dear AAC member:

The AAC is a not-for-profit national association that is mandated to foster the development of the Canadian aquaculture sector through education, research and information dissemination. We are seeking interested individuals willing to consider putting their or someone else's name forward for the election ballot for 2011. There will be three vacancies in May 2011, and therefore an election to fill these vacancies is required during the winter of 2011.

The AAC Board is a volunteer Board, made up of individuals from across the sector (see aquacultureassociation.ca for current composition). Board meetings are held 3-4 times per year, typically by teleconference during the year, and in person around the annual conference.

We encourage any member interested in nominating someone (themselves or someone else) for consideration on the ballot (going out in February 2011) to submit the name and contact information of the nominee to the Elections Committee no later than 10 January 2011. Send expressions of interest to: Cyr Couturier, Chair AAC Elections Committee, Email: cyr@mi.mun.ca.

The Board of Directors will meet in mid-January 2011 to consider all valid nominees and approve the slate for the 2011 ballot.

If you require further information on the obligations of the Board, please contact the Chair of Elections.

Appel à candidatures pour le Conseil d'administration de l'AAC

Chers membres de l'AAC:

L'AAC est une association nationale sans but lucratif qui a pour mandat de favoriser le développement du secteur aquacole canadien par l'éducation, la recherche et la diffusion d'information. Nous recherchons des personnes intéressées qui souhaitent mettre leurs noms ou celui de quelqu'un d'autre sur le bulletin de vote pour le CA en 2011. Il y aura trois postes vacants en mai 2011, et donc une élection pour combler ces postes vacants est nécessaire durant l'hiver de 2011.

Le Conseil de l'AAC est composé de bénévoles, et le CA est composé de personnes provenant de l'ensemble du secteur (voir aquacultureassociation.ca pour la composition actuelle). Le Conseil se réunit 3-4 fois par an, habituellement par téléconférence au cours de l'année, et face-à-face autour de la conférence annuelle.

Nous encourageons tous les membres intéressés à mettre leur nom ou celui d'autres personnes sur le bulletin de vote de soumettre leur nom et leurs coordonnées au Comité des élections au plus tard le 10 Janvier 2011. Envoyer votre lettre d'intérêt à: Cyr Couturier, président du Comité des élections de l'AAC, e-mail: cyr@mi.mun.ca.

Le conseil d'administration se réunira à la mi-Janvier 2011 pour examiner tous les candidats valables et pour approuver la liste pour le scrutin de 2011.

Si vous désirez de plus amples renseignements sur les obligations de membres du CA, s'il vous plaît communiquer avec le président des élections.



Thank you. \ Je vous remerci.