

The 4th Asian Fisheries Forum

The 4th Asian Fisheries Forum (4AFF), was successfully held by the Society from the 16th – 20th October 1995 in Beijing, China. The forum with the theme “***Towards Sustainable Fisheries***” was attended by over 600 delegates from 52 countries and territories from across the world and was held in the Continental Grand Hotel and Conference complex built for the XI Asian Games in 1990.

4AFF venue – The Continental Grand Hotel & Conference Center, Beijing



Similar to the three earlier fora, the 4AFAF was very well supported by many national, regional and international organizations. They include:

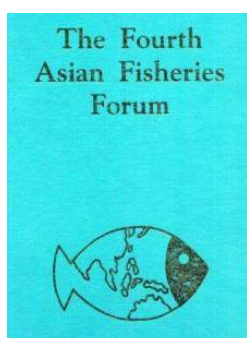
1. Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB);
2. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Philippines;
3. Dalhousie University, Canada;
4. Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA);
5. Department of Fisheries, Cambodia;
6. International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM);
7. International Development and Research Center (IDRC), Canada;
8. International Foundation of Science (IFS);
9. Shanghai Fisheries University (SFU – now renamed as Shanghai Ocean University);
10. Partnership for the Development of Kampuchea (PADEK);
11. SEAFDEC Aquaculture Department;
12. University of Dhaka, Bangladesh;
13. University of the Philippines in the Visayas;
14. University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute;
15. World Resources Institute;
16. The Ministry of Agriculture, People’s Republic of China;
17. Chinese Association for Science and Technology;
18. The China Society of Fisheries;
19. The New Technology Development Centre, Chinese Association for Science & Technology;
20. National Natural Science Foundation, China;
21. The Korean Fisheries Society;
22. Japanese Fisheries Society; and
23. Malaysian Fisheries Society.

The Keynote address for the 4AFF was delivered by Dr Veravat Hongskul of Thailand. His address focused on the achievements and future challenges of fisheries in Asia, and the need to continuously address major fisheries issues, refine techniques, develop technologies and implement policies and strategies to ensure sustainability of fish supply in the AP region.

The 4AFF runs five concurrent sessions covering topics such as aquaculture, disease, nutrition, shrimp culture, genetics, fisheries resources, capture fisheries, fish biology, postharvest, ecology, socio-economics, biotechnology etc. In addition, there were special symposia on biodiversity, stock enhancement, co-management, women in fisheries, rice-fish systems and environmental issues. Altogether, some 400 papers were presented in the main sessions and 58 papers in the seven special symposia.

The Proceeding of the 4AFF was published in 1997 and contains 184 scientific papers and abstracts covering a range of topics from Aquaculture, Capture Fisheries, Diseases, Ecology, Fish Biology, Genetics, Biotechnology, Nutrition, Post-harvest Technology, Socioeconomics, Fishery Resources and Management and Conservation of Aquatic Biodiversity. A copy of the 4AFF Proceedings is available from the AFS Secretariat for reference purposes. For more information visit the AFS website – www.asianfisheriessociety.org

The Proceeding of the Fourth Asian Fisheries Forum - Y. Zhou, H. Zhou, C. Yao, Y. Lu, F. Hu, H. Cui and F. Din (Editors) 1997



A summary report on the 4AFF was produced by Dr Meryl Williams and published in ***Review in Fish Biology & Fisheries, 6, 248-250 (1996)***; a copy of the report is available by searching “4th Asian Fisheries Forum” via Google search.

After the 4AFF and the publication of the Proceedings of the 4AFF, no proceeding was published by the 5th Council for the 5AFF and all subsequent triennial fora held by the Society.

Towards the end of the 4AFF, the Society held its 5th General Assembly (GA) attended by AFS members present at the triennial forum. In addition to the normal activities of the Society, the 5GA held one of the most important fund raising events of the Society since its founding in 1984.

During the GA, a fund raising function was organized to raise fund to help paid for the recently acquired AFS Secretariat building which houses the AFS Secretariat in Manila, Philippines. Due to the generosity of many AFS members attending the 4AFF and donations from AFS supporters, sufficient fund was collected to allow the Society to acquire the property and stay debt free. The Society

expressed its appreciation to PP Dr Chua Thia-Eng, the inaugural president of AFS and many of the councillors from the Philippines for their foresights and efforts in making this possible and to the generosity of AFS members who attended and donated money during the fund raising event.

The GA ended with the presentation of two Honorary Life Member Awards to two long standing AFS members Dr S.Z. Qasim (India) and Dr Yasuo Ohshima (Japan) in recognition of their outstanding contributions to fisheries sciences in AP region and their support to AFS.



Dr. S.Z. Qasim was named Honorary Life Member in 1992



Dr. Yasuo Ohshima was named Honorary Life Member in 1992

AFS Secretariat building housing the AFS Secretariat



President Dr Chua Thia-Eng (assisted by Mr Cui He – China) urging members to donate to the 'buy-a-brick' campaign to raise fund for the Secretariat building held at the end of 4AFF, Beijing, China



AFS President Dr Liu Hsi-Chiang presenting an award to AFS Councilor, Dr Efren Flores



Below are snapshots of some forum activities during the 4AFF.

4AFF Opening Ceremony by Hon Mr Liu Cheng Gue, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, China



Opening Ceremony and ribbon cutting at the opening of the Trade Exhibition



The 4AFF hosted a special session on “Women in Fisheries” – Presentation by Dr Meryl Williams



Forum dinner – Many toasts were exchanged and an enjoyable night marking the end of 4AFF.

L to R: Hon Mr Liu Cheng Gue, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture with AFS Councilors Drs Edgardo Gomez & Angela Arthington



L to R: Dr Efren Flores with Hon Mr Liu Cheng Gue



L to R: AFS Councilors – Drs Chen Yew-Hu, Jia Jian-San & Kim In-Bae



L to R: AFS Councilors Barney Smith and Dr P.H.C. Shetty with Hon Mr Liu Cheng Gue



L to R: AFS Councilor Dr Andrew McNaughton with Hon Mr Liu Cheng Gue



L to R: AFS President Dr Liu His-Chiang & Jia Jian-San



L to R: Councilors Drs Jia Jian-San, Kim In-Bae, Barney Smith & P.H.C. Shetty



L to R: Councilors Drs Fumio Takashima, Takafumi Arimoto & friend



L to R: AFS Councilors Drs Piamsak Memasveta, Khoo Wong Woo and Andrew McNaughton.



L to R: AFS Councilors Drs Edgardo Gomez, Angela Arthington & Chen Yew-Hu



AFS President Dr Liu His-Chiang (R) with Hon Mr Liu Cheng Gue and councillor Shariff Mohamad

