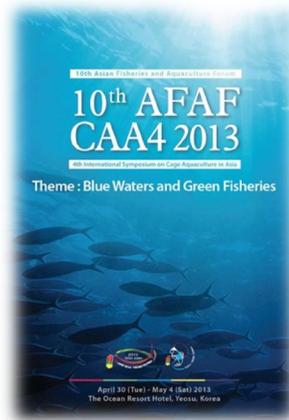


## The 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum



The 10th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (10AFAF) was successfully held at the Ocean Resort, Yeosu, Korea from 30th April to 4th May 2013. The forum was held in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF4) and the 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Cage Aquaculture in Asia (CAA4) as special sessions of the forum.

10AFAF with the theme “**Blue Waters and Green Fisheries**” attracted some 680 participants - 230 overseas participants, with the rest from the host country.



*The Ocean Resort hotel & conference complex*



*Forum venue – The Ocean Resort, Yeosu*

A total of 246 papers for oral presentation and 238 poster presentations from 32 countries were accepted prior to the forum. However, many potential participants decided not to attend due to the unsettling political situation at that time between the North and South Korea. This affected the total attendance, but even so, 169 oral presentations and 155 posters from 27 countries were presented during the forum.

In conjunction with the Forum, a trade exhibition was held with 24 booths from 19 companies. The exhibition saw various companies and fisheries societies displaying the latest information in equipment and technology in the field of aquaculture and fisheries.

Three keynote lecturers were presented during the Plenary Session held immediately after the Opening Ceremony:

- Dr Chan-Lui Lee (Past President and Honorary Life Member of AFS) and Dr Matthias Halwart (Senior Aquaculture Officer, FAO): ***“Asian Fisheries Society - The Way Forward”***;
- Dr Sang-Gyu Sohn (Vice President, NFRDI, Korea): ***“Current Status and Future Prospects of Fisheries in Korea”***; and
- Prof Glen Hurry (Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission): ***“Sustainable fisheries and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission”***.

Altogether there were 11 sessions with 2 special sessions:

- Session 1- Aquatic animal nutrition, feed and feeding;
- Session 2- Aquaculture production system
- Session 3- Fisheries processing
- Session 4- Fisheries and policy, social science, economics and livelihood
- Session 5- Fish for human nutrition and health
- Session 6- Environment impacts, pollution and ecotoxicology
- Session 7- Biodiversity, genetics, biotechnology and breeding, conservation
- Session 8- Fishing gear and technology
- Session 9- Fisheries assessment and aquatic resources management,, ecology
- Session 10- Aquatic animal health and management
- Session 11- Shrimp and other crustacean aquaculture

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- **4<sup>th</sup> Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF4); and**
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The **GAF4 Special Session** was moderated were Dr Meryl Williams and Dr.Nikita Gopal. In all, 28 oral presentations and one poster were given during this session, and four mini-workshops were organized. GAF4 highlighted four major areas:

- gendered impacts of fishery sector change,
- gender assets and roles,
- challenges and tools to meet future needs, and
- road to mobilization to achieve gender equality in aquaculture and fisheries.

For more information on GAF and GAF4, go to the website

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/genderaquafish/pool/>

The **CAA4 Special session** was divided into two sections for presentations:

- Marine and freshwater cage culture, seed production; and
- Disease prevention and health management, pollution, ecotoxicology.

A total of 23 presentations were made including five special lectures by invited speakers details of which are given below:

- Dr Matthias Halwart (FAO, UN): ***Sustainable cage culture development – technical, environmental and policy considerations;***
- Dr Jon Arne Grottum (Norwegian Seafood Federation): ***North-Atlantic cage aquaculture;***
- Dr Alessandro Ciattaglia (Bandinotti Group S.p.A.): ***Cage aquaculture in the Mediterranean;***
- Dr Erick Hempel (The Nor-Fishing Foundation): ***Modern trends in offshore cage culture and its potential for Asia;*** and
- Dr Lee Jung-Uie (NFRDI, Korea): ***Offshore aquaculture in Korea***

The full papers for Drs Halwart, Grottum and Ciattaglia are available at the CAA4 website

**Exhibition:**

In conjunction with the Forum, a trade exhibition was held with 24 booths from 19 companies from Korea and overseas. The exhibition saw various companies and fisheries societies displaying the latest information in equipment and technology in the field of aquaculture and fisheries. The latest innovation in abalone culture was displayed in the booth of the Korean Abalone Industry Association which drew huge crowds daily. In the booth of the Jeju flatfish Ltd. Co. flatfish fresh meat was served to visitors every day.

**Study tour:**

On the last day of the forum, some participants visited abalone aquaculture farm in the Wando area (southern part of Korea) and had first-hand information on abalone mass aquaculture and breeding facilities

**Summary:**

Despite the political uncertainty at the time, the 10AFAF/CAA4 was successfully concluded and continued the proud tradition of the Asian Fisheries Society to hold a triennium forum that brings together fisheries and aquaculture scientists from all over Asia to review the current status of fisheries and aquaculture in Asia and to share their latest research results.





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**April 30 ~ May 4, 2013**  
**Yeosu Korea**

**Host:** AFS, KOSFAS  
**Organizer:** 10AFAF Korean Organizing Committee

■ **Scientific Program**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquaculture</li> <li>Fish Nutrition, Feed &amp; Feeding</li> <li>Fish Health &amp; Management</li> <li>Biodiversity, Genetics, Biotechnology &amp; Breeding</li> <li>Freshwater Fisheries &amp; Aquaculture</li> <li>Fisheries Assessment &amp; Management</li> <li>Aquaculture &amp; Fisheries Education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisheries Policy &amp; Governance</li> <li>Fishing Gear &amp; Technology</li> <li>Fisheries Processing &amp; HACCEP</li> <li>Environment, Pollution &amp; Impacts</li> <li>Social Economics &amp; Marketing</li> <li>Harvest &amp; Post Harvest Technology</li> <li>Special Sessions</li> </ul>
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