

The 7th Asian Fisheries Forum

The 7th Asian Fisheries Forum (7AFAF) was successfully held at the Equatorial Hotel cum Conference Centre, Penang, Malaysia from 30th April to 4th May 2004. The forum was jointly run by eight co-sponsors with the University Sains Malaysia (USM) as the Convener and Prof Roshada Hashim as the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee:

1. University Sains Malaysia (Convener)
2. Ministry of Agriculture (Malaysia)
3. Department of Fisheries (Malaysia)
4. Fisheries Development Authority (Malaysia)
5. Malaysian Fisheries Society
6. WorldFishCenter
7. University Putra Malaysia
8. INFOFISH

The theme of the 7AFF was “**New Dimensions and Challenges in Asian Fisheries in the 21st Century**” and it was one of the biggest and most comprehensive forum held by the Society that attracted >800 participants from 41 countries.

A summary of the 7AFF program and related activities are given below:

The 7AFAF Program:

Forum Programme

A carefully selected panel of world-renowned experts in fisheries will address the Forum in a series of plenary and concurrent sessions. Comprehensive aspects of fisheries, both in the Asian and global contexts, will be discussed.

Keynote Address

1. How to Make a Difference: Research for Impact on Fisheries and Aquaculture
2. Recent Advances in Biotechnology
3. Globalization and Its Impact on Asian Fisheries: Implications for Fisheries Management;
4. Restoration and Management of Small-Scale Fisheries: Meeting the Challenge

Special Symposium

1. Global Symposium on Gender in Fisheries (GAF);
2. Advances in Shrimp Biotechnology 2
3. Restocking and Stock Enhancement of Coastal Fisheries: Potential Problems and Progress
4. Mariculture in the Asia-Pacific region: recent developments and new challenges
5. Inland Fisheries
6. Technology Needs and Prospects for Asian Aquaculture: Participation of the Poor
7. Aquatic Ecosystem Health
8. Advances in Seaweed Cultivation and Utilization in Asia
9. Sharks and Ray Fisheries
10. Peri-urban aquatic ecosystem
11. Global symposium on Fisheries Co-Management

A copy of the Book of Abstracts for 7AFF is available by and a copy of the Proceedings of GAF1 is available

Trade Exhibition

The accompanying trade exhibition will feature fisheries-related industries and their products and services. For example, it will feature the latest equipment related to environment-friendly fisheries, processing equipment and products, aquaculture equipment and products, environmental monitoring equipment etc. The exhibition is open to the public and is expected to generate great interest among the various stake-holders in the Asian region.

Technical Sessions

1. Increasing Aquaculture Productivity;
2. Promoting Environment-Friendly Aquaculture;
3. Restoring and Sustaining Capture Fisheries;
4. Value-added Products;
5. Enhancing the Ornamental Fish Industry;
6. Socio-economic Perspectives; and
7. Understand Aquatic Resources.

A full program of the 7AFAP is available

Post-conference Tours

Five major post-conference tours were organized for the participants:

1. Visit to Marine Parks
2. Aquaculture Farms
3. Ornamental Fish Farms
4. Institutional Tours and
5. Extended Post-conference Excursion to other parts of Malaysia.