

The 9th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum

Under the new AFS EOI process, the Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU) was appointed the Convener of the 9th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (9AFAF) which was held in the SHOU new campus located at Lingang City, Shanghai, China. The 9AFAF with the theme **“Better fish, Better Science, Better Life”** was successfully held from the 21st to 23rd April 2011.

The 9AFAF hosted three major symposia:

1. 4th International Symposium on Stock Enhancement and Sea Ranching (4th ISSESR),
2. 9th International Symposium on Tilapia Aquaculture (9th ISTA) and
3. 3rd Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF3).

Two special sessions were also presented during the forum by special interest groups:

1. “Strengthening European-Asian Partnership” and
2. FAO funded session on “Aquatic Genetic Resources for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture”

Additionally, the AquaFish CRSP, USA also joined the 9AFAF by holding its Board and annual project staff meeting during the 9AFAF; many project staff attended the 9AFAF.

The 9AFAF is one of the most successful fora held by the AFS. The forum was attended by 748 participants from 45 countries covering Europe, Asia, Oceania, America and the Middle East. A total of 877 abstracts were received by the 9AFAF Secretariat including 147 for 9ISTA and 4ISSESR.

772 abstracts were included in the 9AFAF Book of Abstracts. Look under ABSTRACTS for the Book of Abstracts. GAF4 produces its own report. Visit the website to access the Book of Abstracts <https://www.flickr.com/groups/genderaquafish/pool/>

The 9AFAF’s Trade Exhibition (TE) attracted 34 exhibition booths, 14 of them coming from overseas.

Unique to the AFS forum is the SHOU use of the university’s students to form welcome committees, work with 9AFAF registration desk and served as guides to participants during the duration of 9AFAF. The highlight of the university students’ involvement is the SHOU Music Society’s presentation of a musical cum cultural show during the forum.

SHOU volunteers group photo



SHOU volunteers working at the registration desk



The 10AFAF was financially the most profitable forum held by the Society. In addition to the large number of participants who joined the Society during the forum and the sales of AFS publications from the AFS booth located at the TE, SHOU has generously generated US\$60,000 income from the forum for AFS. The additional fund will be used for improving the running of future fora and other conferences/symposia run by the Society and its Secretariat.

On behalf of the Society, we acknowledge with deep appreciation the support of SHOU for convening the forum and to the LOC for its efforts in organizing the form and support to the Society.

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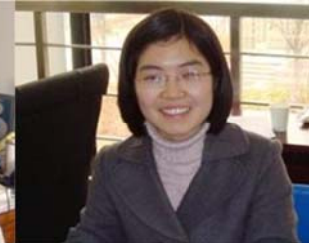
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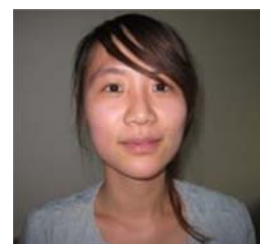
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We also acknowledge the support with thanks the GAF, ISTA and ISSER groups for holding their symposia concurrently with the 9AFAP; to AquaFish CRSP for holding its Annual dinner in

conjunction with 9AFAF. Last but not least, we wish to express our thanks all the special sessions supporters/conveners, AFS members, all participants and the students/staff of SHOU who made the forum so welcoming and so special.

At the end of the 9AFAF, the Society held its 10th General Assembly (GA) attended by AFS members present at the triennial forum. During the GA, Dr Ida Siasson, President of the 9th Council welcome and handover the management of the Society to the 10th Council and its elected President Derek Staples.

Newly appointed members of the 10th AFS Council:

Front: Drs FA. Sondita, S. Jenna, N. Loneragan, D. Staples, I. Siasson, SY. Shiau, A. Aziz, J. Joseph (EO)

Back: Drs SL Huang, SK Yi, K. Sirawut, H. Kurokura, XZ. Wu, SD. Choi, J. Toledo and Z. Merican



A get to know-you joint 9th/10th Councilors dinner was held to celebrate the successful completion of the 9AFAF and the handover to the 10th Council.

AFS joint 9th and 10th councillors dinner

