



GENDER IN AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF) arises from the *National Workshop on Women in Fisheries* organized by the late Dr. M.C.Nandeesh of the AFS-Indian Branch in 1990. Its name was changed to **Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries** (GAF) in 2004, and the GAF1 was successfully held as a Special Symposium of the 7AFAF held in Penang, Malaysia.

The AFS has been active in promoting the importance of gender dimension in fisheries and aquaculture since at least 1990. Below is a summary of AFS involvement in holding/hosting gender related meetings:

- **1990** - National Workshop on Women in Fisheries organized by the AFS-Indian Branch;
- **1995** – 4th Asian Fisheries Forum, Beijing, China: PADEK-sponsored Women in Fisheries photo competition;
- **1998** - Asian Symposium on Women in Fisheries, Chiang Mai, Thailand, at 5th Asian Fisheries Forum (Proceedings published by AFS and WorldFish Center, 2001);
- **2001** - Global Symposium on Women in Fisheries, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, at 6th Asian Fisheries Forum (Proceedings published by AFS and WorldFish Center, 2002) - Women in Fisheries photo competition (PADEK sponsored);
- **2004** - The first Global Symposium on Gender and Fisheries (GAF1), Penang, Malaysia, at 7th Asian Fisheries Forum (proceedings published by AFS and WorldFish Center, 2006)
- **2007** – 2nd Global Symposium on Gender and Fisheries (GAF2), Kochi, India, at 8th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (selected papers published in the journal *Development*, 2008);
- **2011** – 3rd Global Symposium on Gender and Fisheries (GAF3), Shanghai, China, at 9th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum. Selected papers were published in the *Asian Fisheries Science* journal Special Issue 25S, Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries: Moving the Agenda Forward;
- **2013** – 4th Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF4) events at 10th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (10AFAF), Yeosu, Korea

The next symposium - GAF5 will be held in conjunction with the AFS-IB triennial forum in Lucknow, India in November 2014.

In the past decade, GAF has been a very active group under the able leadership of Dr. Meryl Williams and her group of supporters from across AP region, EU and US. There are many published proceedings and related gender and fisheries publications produced by the GAF which are available for download from its website.

The GAF runs its own activities and manage its own website: <http://genderaquafish.org> GAF has been an excellent partner of AFS for over a decade and all its Global Symposia are held in conjunction with the Society's triennial forum, or in the case of GAF5, with the AFS-IB.

AFS members and readers interested in knowing more about the history, current and future activities of GAF should visit its website <http://genderaquafish.org>