

From the Desk of Vice-Chancellor.....



Dear Readers,

I am extremely grateful to all my staff and postgraduate students who contributed to making the 12th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum a grand event to remember with satisfaction. The organizing team did the planning meticulously with the inputs from the Asian Fisheries Society-Indian Branch especially those from its Chairman. One important factor that helped us accomplish the task is the delegation of responsibilities and the decision-making process to the Chairman of individual committees which facilitated the organization process smoothly and effectively. The chairmen of committees, realizing their responsibilities geared up with their committee members and were comfortable at all stages of execution, efficiently sorting out issues that cropped up during planning, at the venue and during the conduct of the forum. I deliberately avoid mentioning anyone in particular, for it is all the result of teamwork and everyone is to be acknowledged. Technically, the 12th IFAF should be rated a huge success; with 741 registered delegates presenting their original research in ten technical sessions, over nine lead presentations by international experts online and 10 lead presentations by national experts delivered physically. Besides, there were four parallel events co-organized by the BoBP, NFDB, SAP and GAFS bringing more relevance to the event in fulfilling the sectoral needs. All our national fisheries research institutions gave us rock-solid backup with active participation and we remain ever grateful for the support rendered by the Directors of CMFRI and CIBA.

My dear colleagues, you have done this, not for you but to fulfill the commitment of the University and because of your untiring efforts, I, as Convener, could stand accomplished, just as the way Issac Newton said, *"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the giants"*. There were a few criticisms from unexpected quarters, but that will not deter us, as we take them positively. We organized the 12th IFAF at a time when there were more uncertainties due to the deadly pandemic, could not gauge the response from delegates, and could not garner big sponsorships; yet with the sheer commitment of our staff and students, we did it. It is no small accomplishment. You made our University proud.

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end, the triumph of high achievement; and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat" - Teddy Roosevelt.

Let us continue our journey and move on.

Dr. G. Sugumar, Ph.D.,
Vice-Chancellor

Inauguration of the 12th IFAF:



Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam hosted the 12th Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum at Indian Bank Management Academy for Growth and Excellence (IMAGE), Chennai during 5 – 7 May 2022. Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of TNJFU Thiru. R. N. Ravi inaugurated the forum on 05.05.2022 and in his address emphasized how well the Fisheries sector could contribute to the national building. The Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India, Shri. Parshottam Rupala delivered a special address describing the role of the Union government's initiatives on fisheries development. The Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries – Fishermen Welfare and Animal Husbandry, Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. Anitha R. Radhakrishnan was the Guest of Honour and in his address talked about the proactive role of the state government in the development of fisheries. Mr. T.S Jawahar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu delivered the felicitation address. The Deputy Director General (Fisheries), ICAR, Dr.J.K.Jena declared open the exhibition in the forum. Dr. G. Sugumar, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of the forum. The Secretary of Asian Fisheries Society – Indian branch Dr. P. Kesavanath proposed the vote of thanks.



Valedictory function of 12th IFAF:

The valedictory function of the 12th Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum was held on 07.05.2022. Over 740 delegates from various Central and State fisheries research institutes participated and presented their research findings in the technical sessions organized viz., aquaculture production, fish and shellfish nutrition and feed technology, aquaculture genetics, breeding and biotechnology, aquatic animal health management, aquatic environment management, aquatic biodiversity, stock assessment and conservation, aquatic food safety and quality, aquatic food processing, product development, value addition and packaging, fishing technology and fisheries engineering, socio-economics, fisheries policy, capacity building, livelihood and ICTs in fisheries. Besides the technical sessions, four parallel events namely the Bay of Bengal Programme (BOBP)'s International Symposium on "Insurance in Marine Fisheries", a session on "Gender in Fisheries and Aquaculture", Society of Aquaculture Professional's programme on "Industry expectations from the Professionals" and NFDB sponsored "Fish Farmers Meet" were also organized making the event even more significant.

In the valedictory function, Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, Director, CMFRI, Kochi, Dr. J. K. Jena, DDG (Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. K. Riji John, VC, KUFOS, Kerala participated as Guests of Honour. Awards and certificates for TNJFU Excellence, Best oral paper and poster presentations, Best Exhibition stalls and Appreciation awards were presented. Dr.G.Sugumar, Convener and Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Dr.J.Jayalalithaa Fisheries University, Nagapattinam delivered the vote of thanks.

