

# Student Matters Newsletter

## Fall 2009

An update from the Triennial Aquaculture Conference Student Activities Committee

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### General Information

Aquaculture 2010 will be held at the Town and Country Resort and Conference Center in San Diego, California. The meeting will be held March 1-5, 2010 and will be the largest aquaculture conference in the world.

Representatives from each society are collaborating to put together an extensive technical program featuring special sessions, contributed papers and workshops on species, production methods, and issues facing aquaculturists throughout the world.

Special student opportunities and events planned for Aquaculture 2010 include an orientation meeting, student reception complete with aquaculture quiz bowl and auction, door prizes, free room lottery, roommate finder service, paid work opportunities, and much more. Student seminars planned include the Career Seminar and Women in Aquaculture Seminar.



March 1-5, 2010

Aquaculture 2010 is the International Triennial Conference and Exposition of the National Shellfisheries Association (NSA), Fish Culture Section of the American Fisheries Society (AFS-FCS) and the World Aquaculture Society (WAS).

### Student Registration Information

- U.S. \$195 if paid by February 12, 2010
- U.S. \$255 if paid after February 12, 2010

To register online, visit the World Aquaculture Society ([www.was.org](http://www.was.org)) or National Shellfisheries Association ([www.shellfish.org](http://www.shellfish.org)) and click on the Aquaculture 2010 link.

Conference registration includes: admission to all sessions, seminars, and the trade show; conference abstracts and trade show directory; admission to President's Reception, and refreshment breaks.

### **Discounted Student Rooms & Roommate Services**

Student members of NSA, AFS-FCS, or WAS may apply for the Discounted Room Service and choose with whom they share discounted rooms, making it more comfortable for everyone involved. Students can also request to be paired with someone new from another institution, a great way to meet new colleagues and friends! Up to four people per room may be assigned.

Discounted rooms are available for \$140 per night plus tax. Rooms are located at the Town and Country Resort adjacent to the Conference Center. Reservations and final assignment of roommates will be coordinated by the Student Room Coordinator. Space will be reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

To apply for the discounted student rooms, contact Ms. Stephanie Reiner, the Student Room Coordinator ([slreiner@vims.edu](mailto:slreiner@vims.edu)). Applications must be received by January 3, 2009.

NOTICE: It will be up to the students to make payment arrangements after they have received contact information on their roommate(s) and reservation confirmations from the coordinator. This includes any additional costs incurred during the stay in the room such as hotel taxes, phone call charges, internet service, etc. Please discuss how this will work with your roommates and be sure everyone is aware of the payment arrangements.

### **Conference Orientation**

A brief, informal orientation session will be held on March 1 at 5:30 to introduce students to opportunities, programs, and seminars scheduled for Aquaculture 2010. All students are encouraged to attend to learn more about student activities scheduled during the

conference. Students will also learn how they can become more involved in each organization.

### **Student Packets**

Information packets will be distributed to all students attending Aquaculture 2010. Student packets will contain the dates, times, and locations of all student activities. The packets will also contain tickets to the student reception. Be sure to get your packet from the registration desk when you check in at the conference and carry it with you throughout the meeting. You don't want to miss any of the exciting student events scheduled!

### **Student Seminars and Workshops**

The Annual Student Career Seminar is being organized by Ms. Stephanie Reiner ([slreiner@vims.edu](mailto:slreiner@vims.edu)) and Ms. Maxine Chaney ([mchaney@usc.edu](mailto:mchaney@usc.edu)). The seminar "After the Degree - Careers in Aquaculture and Fisheries Sciences" will focus on employment opportunities in different sectors of aquaculture including private, not-for-profit, government, academia, and extension.

The Women in Aquaculture Seminar is being organized by Ms. Karolina Kwasek ([kakwasek@yahoo.pl](mailto:kakwasek@yahoo.pl)) and Ms. Terhea Williams ([williams.tn@gmail.com](mailto:williams.tn@gmail.com)). A number of outstanding speakers have been invited to discuss the opportunities and challenges of working in aquaculture.

### **Industry Fieldtrip**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Aquaculture Fieldtrip is planned for March 1. The fieldtrip is sponsored by members of the aquaculture industry and provides students with the opportunity to visit aquaculture operations within a short distance of the annual aquaculture conference. This year we are planning to visit Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute in Carlsbad, California. Hubbs-SeaWorld operates a hatchery and aquaculture facility to support research on marine fish for food and stock enhancement.

The fieldtrip and transportation are free to all students; however, space is limited. Students should register with Mr. Matt Dimaggio, the Fieldtrip Coordinator ([mdimaggi@ufl.edu](mailto:mdimaggi@ufl.edu)).

### Student Reception and Quiz Bowl

The student reception is definitely an event no student should miss. Students will have the opportunity to meet aquaculture professionals from around the globe, while enjoying free food and beverages. Other highlights of the reception include distribution of student awards and door prizes.

During the student reception, students will have the opportunity to compete in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Quiz Bowl. Students will compete in small groups with other student groups during a Jeopardy-style aquaculture tournament, answering questions about all aspects of aquaculture. The top-scoring teams will receive prizes for their outstanding accomplishments. This year's quiz bowl is being organized and emceed by Mr. Charles Brown ([charles.brown.a@gmail.com](mailto:charles.brown.a@gmail.com)). Special thanks is extended to Ms. Bonnie Mulligan, Mr. Brian Gause, and the students of the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale for helping us develop new challenging questions for this year's Quiz Bowl.

A lively auction follows the student reception. This annual event helps support student scholarships and awards. This is the perfect place to find gifts, curiosities, collector's items, or a special treat for yourself. There will be something for everyone.

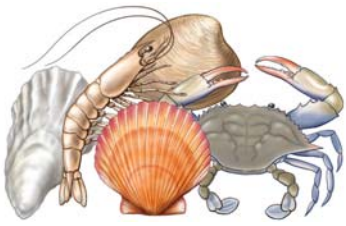
### \$PAID\$ Student Work Opportunities

If you are interested in earning some extra **\$cash\$** to help offset your conference expenses, we are looking for students to work during the meeting. Students are needed to help with registration, stuff conference bags, and work in the information booths. What a great way to meet people in the aquaculture industry and earn money at the meeting! Sign-up NOW, as these jobs will go fast!

To sign-up for student work, contact Ms. Victoria "Katie" Gibbs, the Student Worker Coordinator ([vkgibbs@uab.edu](mailto:vkgibbs@uab.edu)).

### Student Awards

The Student Awards Committee is currently reviewing the many outstanding student abstracts submitted for Aquaculture 2010. Additional awards to be offered during the conference include the best student oral and poster presentations offered by NSA, AFS-FCS, WAS, and National Sea Grant College Program.



# National Shellfisheries Association Student Opportunities

## Student Travel Awards

For those NSA students who have applied for travel awards, recipients will be notified by December 15. As part of your award, you will be required to devote a few hours to manning the NSA sale table, helping with projectors, and helping run the conference in other ways. Maxine or Stephanie will send out a schedule with details of each recipient's shift as we approach the conference date.

## Student Abstract and Presentation Awards

### **Best Oral and Poster Presentations:**

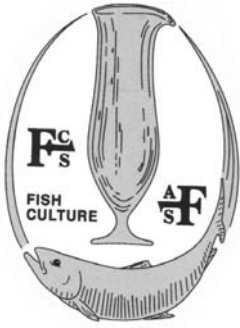
The deadline for abstract submission has passed, so for those of you who have applied, good luck preparing! Judging and announcement of award recipients will take place during the conference. For those of you who didn't apply, but might like to in the future, information concerning the awards is below, and is always available on our website ([www.shellfish.org](http://www.shellfish.org)).

The Thurlow Nelson Award is given for the best oral presentation of research. Oral presentations are judged on scientific content and relevance, oral and visual aspects, ability to handle questions. The award includes a certificate of accomplishments and paid membership to NSA for five years.

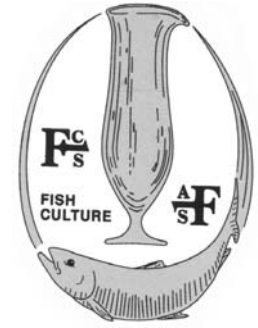
The Gordon Gunter Award is given to the best poster presentation. Poster presenters will be judged on scientific content and relevance, quality of figures and text, and ability to handle questions. The award includes a certificate of accomplishment and a one year membership to NSA.

## Research Grants

There are two research grants available to NSA students. Both the Carriker and Castagna Grant are awarded annually to support a student's research in any area of shellfisheries. Awards are for \$1250 and recipients will be announced during the conference. Application deadline is November 30, and further information can be found on the website.



## AFS Fish Culture Section Student Opportunities



The American Fisheries Society's Fish Culture Section (FCS) is an association of over 440 members from 10 countries, concerned with advancing cultivation technology of aquatic organisms. The Section disseminates information about fish culture to professionals and the public; and it strives to support and enhance fish culture programs of private, governmental, and international entities ([www.fishculturesection.org](http://www.fishculturesection.org)). Students represent about 10% of the FCS membership. Student involvement is strongly encouraged by the FCS, and the benefits of being a student member include:

- Student members can request page charge waivers for publication in the North American Journal of Aquaculture.
- Travel awards are awarded annually to FCS students giving fish culture-oriented presentations at National AFS Meetings and Aquaculture America Conferences.
- Student members of both AFS and the U.S. Aquaculture Society are eligible for travel support.
- The FCS Continuing Education Committee is developing a number of electronic media-based modules to provide Continuing Education credits for use towards achieving AFS Fisheries Professional Certification.

**Joint FCS/USAS Best Student Abstract Travel Award:** The AFS Fish Culture Section and the U.S. Aquaculture Society are the two largest professional organizations in the U.S. dedicated to aquaculture. Although our organizations have traditionally represented different sectors of U.S. aquaculture, our memberships have much in common—including a dedication to support our student members in their professional endeavors. This year we are partnering together to provide a \$500 Best Abstract Award to help a student, who is a member of both organizations, participate in AQUACULTURE 2010. To be eligible for this award you must be a current student member of both the FCS and USAS and have submitted your abstract by the August 31, 2009 deadline. Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of judges from both organizations.

## Student Membership

Students are encouraged to join the World Aquaculture Society. Membership dues for the World Aquaculture Society are \$40 with electronic journal subscription or \$60 with print journal subscription. To qualify for Student Awards and Free Room Lottery, students must be a member of the World Aquaculture Society by October 31, 2009.

## Free Room Lottery

The WAS Executive Committee has generously offered support for two hotel rooms to be distributed to eight individuals. The WAS-SAC will host a lottery drawing for individuals interested in competing for a free room. To apply for the free room lottery, contact Mr. Kenneth Riley, Complimentary Room Coordinator ([klr1011@ecu.edu](mailto:klr1011@ecu.edu)). The deadline for application is January 5, 2010, and applicants must be members of the World Aquaculture Society.

## Student Abstract and Presentation Awards

**Best Abstract/Travel Award:** The WAS Best Abstract/Travel Award is designed to help support conference travel expenses for deserving WAS student members presenting at the conference. A total of three winners will each be awarded \$300 and a certificate at the plenary session of the conference. To be eligible for this award you must be a current WAS student member and have submitted an abstract by the August 31, 2009 deadline.

**Best Oral and Poster Presentations:** The WAS Best Oral and Poster Presentation Awards are designed to reward and recognize WAS student members for excellence in presentation. Student members of WAS giving oral and poster presentations will be eligible for the Best Oral Presentation (one \$400 first place award and one \$200 second place award) and Best Poster Presentation (one \$400 first place award and one \$200 second place award) Awards. Students presenting oral and poster presentations will be judged during the conference and winners will be announced after the conference. To be eligible for this award you must be a current WAS student member and have submitted an abstract by the August 31, 2009 deadline.

**Sea Grant Association's Best Student Paper Award:** The Sea Grant Association's Best Student Paper Award is designed to reward a student that presents outstanding work in marine or Great Lakes research (oral presentations only). Sea Grant will present its Best Student Paper Award to one student who will receive an award of \$400 and a certificate. To be eligible for this award you must be a current WAS student member and have submitted an abstract by the August 31, 2009 deadline.



# US Aquaculture Society Student Opportunities



## Student Membership

Students are encouraged to join the U.S. Aquaculture Society and our parent organization, the World Aquaculture Society. Membership dues for the U.S. Aquaculture Society are \$5.

## Scholarship

The M.P. Mulvihill Aquaculture Student Scholarship was placed in memory of Michael Mulvihill and his lifelong contributions to the aquaculture industry. A deserving aquaculture student will receive the \$1,500 scholarship to support their travel to conferences and further their education. Application details and eligibility requirements are available online ([www.was.org/USAS-SAC/mulvihill.htm](http://www.was.org/USAS-SAC/mulvihill.htm)). Application deadline is November 15, 2009.

## Student Travel Awards

The **Minority Student Travel Award** is offered by USAS to encourage attendance at the annual Aquaculture America conferences by minority students. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, nationals or legally admitted permanent resident aliens of the United States. Applicants may be undergraduate or graduate students, and must be members of USAS at the time of the conference. Preference will be given to students who are presenting either a poster or a talk at the meeting. Application details and eligibility requirements are available online (<https://www.was.org/USAS-SAC/Awards.htm>). Application deadline is December 1, 2009.

The **James Ebeling Undergraduate Student Travel Scholarship** is designed to help fund conference travel for a deserving undergraduate who demonstrates an interest and potential to contribute to the field of US aquaculture. To be eligible for this award, a student must be enrolled in a two- or four-year undergraduate degree with an emphasis in aquaculture. The scholarship consists of a \$500 travel award, 1-year student membership to WAS and USAS, and complimentary student registration to the conference. Applicants do not have to be members of WAS or USAS, and students are not required to present a poster or a talk at the meeting. Application details and eligibility requirements are available online (<https://www.was.org/USAS-SAC/Awards.htm>). Application deadline is December 1, 2009.

**Joint USAS/FCS Best Student Abstract Travel Award:** The U.S. Aquaculture Society and AFS Fish Culture Section are the two largest professional organizations in the U.S. dedicated to aquaculture. Although our organizations have traditionally represented different sectors of U.S. aquaculture, our memberships have much in common—including a dedication to support our student members in their professional endeavors. This year we are partnering together to provide a \$500 Best Abstract Award to help a student, who is a member of both organizations, participate in AQUACULTURE 2010. To be eligible for this award you must be a current student member of both the FCS and USAS and have submitted your abstract by the August 31, 2009 deadline. Abstracts will be reviewed by a panel of judges from both organizations.

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