



Fish Health Section



The official link to the FHS website is: <http://www.afs-fhs.org/>
NEW WEBSITE!!!: www.afs-fhs.org

AADAP CALL FOR SUPPORT – see attached AADAP Budget Reduction FY2014.pdf

Hi all, As some of you are aware, the President's 2014 Budget has been released, and proposes a withering cut to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) program. Like me, you've been their partner, or a beneficiary of their laudable works for many years. The time has come to speak up on behalf of our friends and colleagues, and tell Congress just how important AADAP is to the fisheries community. For more information on how to assist, please contact me at saluski@siu.edu and I will gladly provide you additional guidance.

Dr. Jesse Trushenski
Co-Chair – AFS Fish Culture Section Working Group on Aquaculture Drugs, Biologics and Other Chemicals.

FHS NEWS

NOMINATIONS

"The FHS nominations are past due and we are still desperately seeking one more candidate for Vice President and for the Policy/Position Development Committee. If you or someone you know would make a suitable candidate for either of these positions please e-mail hwalsh@usgs.gov. The roles for these positions can be found on the FHS website at <http://www.afs-fhs.org/committees.php> in the "Procedures Manual."

Now's the time when you have a chance to have a say and can make a difference!"

Thanks,
Heather Walsh

MEETING UPDATE: 54TH JOINT WESTERN FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP & AFS FISH HEALTH SECTION MEETING **Port Townsend, Washington** **June 18-20, 2013**

Plans are coming together for the Port Townsend meeting. As a reminder, the date for meeting registration and abstract submission is May 15. Additionally, the dates for room blocks (special rates) have been extended at some of the lodging choices:
Manresa Castle - May 15
Waterstreet Hotel - May 15

Bishop Hotel - May 15
Aladdin Motor Inn - April 30

Attention Students: Monetary awards will be given for the best oral presentations by both a Ph.D. and M.S. student. Additionally, if you require assistance with low income lodging options, please contact Paul Hershberger (phershberger@usgs.gov).

Please visit the FHS web page (<http://www.afs-fhs.org/>) for detailed meeting information including registration information, abstract submission, and lodging choices.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Port Townsend!



STUDENT UPDATE

Two new profiles have been posted on the student web site. Stephen Reichley, a DVM candidate at the Ohio State University with an interest in the field of aquatic animal health, is our featured student for this month. For our first mentor profile, we're featuring Andy Goodwin, the Fish Health Program Manager for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Region 1. To learn more about Stephen and Andy, please go to <http://afs-fhs-students.blogspot.com>

We'd also like to remind advisors to encourage their students to sign up and get involved in the Fish Health Section. If you have any news/information you'd like posted on the student website or would like to volunteer for the next profile, please contact Amy Long and Sarah McConnachie at student.section.fhs@gmail.com.

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Snieszko Distinguished Service Award- This is a request for nominations for the Snieszko Distinguished Service Award. This is the highest award presented by the FHS to honor individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health. This is a career award. Candidates should have been active for a significant number of years in fish or shellfish health which resulted in significant accomplishments. Examples of accomplishments include but are not limited to:

1. Authored a substantial number of research publications in recognized peer reviewed journals;
2. Authored book chapters and books within the subject of fish or shellfish health;
3. Activity in finfish and shellfish health research or diagnostics as indicated by significant publications and/or secured grants for graduate student thesis projects, and/or administration of a successful finfish or shellfish health program or laboratory;
4. Played an important role in a major discovery regarding a new finfish or shellfish disease or diseases and/or continued significant contributions to the understanding of a previously discovered disease or diseases;
5. Previous recognition by peer through other society, committee or distinguished service awards and/or by elected or appointed chair/presidential positions.

Individuals to be considered for this award must be nominated by a current member of the FHS. The nominator must obtain six letters of recommendation from fish health professionals that support the nominee's dedication to research, teaching and/or service to the field of aquatic animal health. Nomination packets must be sent to the Awards Committee Chair by **April 22**. The packet must contain a letter of nomination, six letters of support and the curriculum vitae for the nominee:

Special Achievement Award – presented to a FHS member who has made a significant accomplishment in the fish health field regarding a new discovery, diagnostic method, publication, etc.. This award is for a one-time accomplishment and may or may not be given out every year. This award may be given for: (1) a unique contribution to the fish health field (such as a new diagnostic tool, a new technique to control disease, etc.), (2) a significant research accomplishment, or (3) outstanding leadership in resolving a major aquatic animal health problem. The achievement must meet high standards of science and survive peer review.

Individuals to be considered for this award must be nominated by a current member of the FHS. The letter of nomination should clearly state: 1) the accomplishment; 2) the significance of the accomplishment to the field; 3) the implication of the accomplishment to aquaculture (local, regional, national, or worldwide). Copies of any articles or other documents relating to the work should be included. Nominations for the Special Achievement Award should be made within one year of the accomplishment and may be submitted to the Chair of the Awards Committee at any time.

Snieszko Student Travel Awards - This award is awarded to one or more students yearly to defray travel to the Annual FHS meeting to present a talk in the aquatic animal health field. The requirements from student applications are as follows:

- The student **MUST** be a member of the AFS/Fish Health Section
- Letter of application and statement of any special financial circumstances (i.e. not supported by a stipend, etc.)
- Curriculum vitae
- three letters of recommendation
- Itemized budget on how money is to be spent, i.e. travel, meals, lodging and registration

- Copy of abstract of paper to be presented

The applications will be judged by the following criteria:

- Quality of abstract
- Significance of/interest in the research
- Academic achievement
- Professional achievement
- Financial need

Students interested in applying for the Snieszko Student Travel Awards should prepare an application packet containing the above items and put it in pdf format. Submit complete pdf packet no later than April 22, 2011. Pdf packet should include: 1) Letter of application and statement of any special circumstances, 2) CV, 3) Three letters of recommendation, 4) Itemized budget, 5) Copy of abstract to be submitted.

Contact the Awards Committee Chair for further information:

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OTHER MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

2013 SALMON DISEASE WORKSHOP

http://microbiology.science.oregonstate.edu/barthol_lab_sdw

July, 15-26 2013

Corvallis, Oregon

Registration now open!. <https://conferences.bus.oregonstate.edu/Conference/salmon-disease/registration>

This workshop is designed for professionals working in the fish health field and will emphasize recent advances and developments in our understanding of salmonid diseases. The workshop is limited to 20 participants on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, if you wish to receive graduate credit and to register, please contact Dr. Jerri Bartholomew at 541-737-1856 or e-mail at:

bartholj@science.oregonstate.edu

HEALTH AND COLONY MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY FISH

Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory

Bar Harbor, Maine

19 – 23 August 2013

Applications are being accepted for this 1-week educational opportunity for individuals with maintenance, management or research responsibilities in which fish are used as laboratory animals.

APPLICATION DEADLINE - JUNE 15, 2013.

For more information on the course, please see the course web site at:

http://www.mdibl.org/courses/Health_and_Colony_Management_of_Laboratory_Fish/182/