



Fish Health Section



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FHS NEWS

Get Well Wishes for Scott LaPatra

For those of you who are unaware, our good friend and colleague Scott LaPatra suffered a stroke at the end of June. I'm sure that Scott would appreciate get well wishes as he is recovering. If you would like, please send Scott a card or message to his house at the address below. Thanks for taking the time to do this, I think it will mean much to him.

Scott LaPatra
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Twin Falls, ID 83301

Why Join the AFS and FHS?

We will be running a series of items in the next listserv updates concerning the benefits of joining the AFS and the FHS. This first benefit is for young professionals.

To Young Professionals, this is one reason why you would want to extend your AFS and FHS membership following graduation:

It is worth the additional cost because you can find jobs, mentorships, attend conferences, and share your research with national and international peers.

FHS Election Results

The Nominating and Balloting Committee would like to thank everyone for participating in the FHS Election. The election results are below:

Vice President: Marilyn "Guppy" Blair
Professional Standards: Thomas Lock
Technical Standards: Cova Arias
Nominating and Balloting: Hossam Abdelhomed

Fish Health Bonanza!!!! Save the Date for the 2017 AFS-FHS meeting (Jointly with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission Fish Health Committee) followed by the Eastern Fish Health Workshop

Sparty invites you to a full week of Fish Health Bonanza on April 1-7th, 2017!!!

- 2017 AFS-FHS meeting jointly with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission Fish Health Committee (April 1-3)
- Eastern Fish Health Workshop (April 3-6)
- Continuing Education (April 7)

This is an exciting announcement and the meetings will be held at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI.

Please see the PDF entitled, "FHS2017" for the Save the Date!

NEW! Fish Health Laboratory QA/QC Program

The Standing Committee for Quality Assurance has unveiled plans for a multi-tiered program for quality assurance and quality control in aquatic animal laboratories. Details of the initial phase of the program, designated as "Tier 1 - Prequalification", have been finalized and the application can be accessed via ([Application](#)). A second phase, "Tier 2 - Recognition" is under development and should be completed by the end of the year. The first two phases will be administered by the FHS, under the guidance of the Standing Committee. Possible future plans might include a third Tier, with actual accreditation under an agency with legal authority.

The Tier 1 phase requires applicants to provide establishment and documentation of quality assurance principals, based largely on Chapter 3 of the FHS-AFS Bluebook, including standard operating procedures for laboratory procedures and equipment, designation of key quality assurance personnel, as well as laboratory safety procedures.

This program is designed for the many small-medium sized laboratories which don't have the resources to become accredited with more expensive/onerous programs, while still raising the quality and credibility of laboratory diagnostic/inspection services throughout North America. The program can be accomplished over time as resources become available, and is totally voluntary.

An application fee for the Tier 1 phase of \$500 has been established and applications for 2016 are due no later than March 31. A working subgroup of the Committee will review the applications and notify applicants at the FHS Meeting at Jackson, Wyoming in June 2016.

For additional information, contact Dr. Chris Wilson at wetvet53@gmail.com.

Meetings, Workshops, and Courses

Health and Colony Management of Laboratory Fish
MBI Biological Laboratory, Salisbury Cove, Maine
August 16-21, 2016

[Health and Colony Management of Laboratory Fish](#) is a short course for veterinarians, principal investigators, technicians, trainees or core managers who utilize or plan to utilize fish models in laboratory research. The 2016 short course will be held in August at the MDI Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove, Maine. [For more information, click the link above and open the PDF entitled, "Health Colony Mgt 2016".](#)

JOBS/GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

EXTENSION ASSOCIATE I – AQUACULTURE
Kentucky State University

The position is for an Extension Associate – Aquaculture at Kentucky State University. A link to the position description is listed below:

http://apps.kysu.edu/transitionalFiles/job_openings.cfm?jobid=1275&detail=yes

Please note: 5 years of experience is not required.

Assistant Professor (Fish Pathology)
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff, AR

The incumbent will develop a productive research program including both biotechnological and applied aspects of fish health issues that will result in more effective diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of fish health problems. The successful candidate will oversee fish disease diagnostics at the Pine Bluff location, and will participate in fish inspections as needed for certifications. He/She will also be expected to contribute to extension educational programs focused on fish health and biosecurity. Teaching responsibilities will include a graduate course in Fish Health and an undergraduate Biology of Fishes course. The faculty member hired will be expected to mentor M.S. and Ph.D. graduate students.

For all details, please visit the link below:

<http://wfscjobs.tamu.edu/jobs/assistant-professor-fish-pathology-university-of-arkansas-at-pine-bluff/>