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## FHS NEWS

### MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to submit your 2010 AFS-Fish Health Section membership dues! Don't miss out on the benefits of membership, especially Listserv announcements. Other benefits include discounts on publications, meetings, workshops and continuing education, networking with aquatic animal health scientists on a global scale, monetary awards for professionals and students, etc.! Outstanding dues must be submitted soon to retain membership status!

### S.F. SNIESZKO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, AND SNIESZKO STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

The time has come to nominate individuals for S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award, Special Achievement Award, and Snieszko Student Travel Awards. For those of you that don't know what these awards stand for, the **Snieszko Distinguished Service Award** is the highest award in the FHS presented for the purpose of honoring individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health. This is a career award and may be given to more than one person in a year but is not necessarily awarded every year. The **Special Achievement Award** is 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. And finally, the **Snieszko Student Travel Awards** are awarded to one or more students yearly to defray travel to the FHS meeting and to present a talk in the aquatic animal health field.

This year we do have some exciting changes in the **Snieszko Student Travel Award**. For one, the Fish Health Section has made available extra funds to assist approximately 10 foreign and domestic students to travel to the 2010 International Symposium of Aquatic Animal Health in Tampa, FL in September. In addition, all students that apply to present at 2010 ISAAH will have their Fish Health Section dues paid for one year. For students that are not currently members, their 2010 dues will be paid, and for all current student members, their 2011 dues will be paid. Please follow the guidelines (attached) on how to apply.

All nominees (except for student travel awards) must be FHS members.  
Nominations will be accepted until 5PM (EST) May 2, 2010.

Thanks,

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**SNIESZKO STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS FOR 2010 ISA AH** - a sum of up to \$1000 awarded to one or more students yearly to defray travel to a professional meeting to present a talk in the aquatic animal health field. The requirements and procedures for selection of student awards are as follows:

A. Basic Requirements from Student Applicants

- a. Letter of application and statement of any special financial circumstances (i.e., not supported by a stipend, etc.)
- b. Curriculum vitae must be submitted along with three letters of recommendation.
- c. Itemized budget on how money is to be spent, i.e. travel, meals, lodging and registration.
- d. Copy of abstract of paper to be presented.

B. Judgment Criteria

Weight

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| a. Quality of abstract                      | 50 |
| b. Significance of/interest in the research | 5  |
| c. Academic achievement                     | 10 |
| d. Professional achievement                 | 10 |
| e. Financial need                           | 25 |

C. Procedure for Selection

- a. Request for application announced in the October and January issues of the Newsletter with a deadline.
- b. Chair of the Awards Committee receives the application packets and sends a letter of receipt to each applicant.
- c. Applicants are ranked according to total scores obtained from the points earned in the Judgment Criteria.
- d. The number of applicants awarded travel funds will depend upon the amount of interest available on the account and the ranking and number of applicants. The intent is to fund as many students as possible, beginning with the highest ranked, until the interest money runs out.
- e. Committee decisions for awarding the travel funds are relayed to each applicant by letter and the AFS office is notified to send checks to the successful

candidates. The meeting program chair is also notified of the successful applicants such that footnotes on their printed abstracts

### **FHS NOMINATIONS - REMINDER**

The time has come to nominate individuals for our 2010 section election. Positions open to election include positions in the Professional Standards, Technical Standards, Policy/Position Development, and Nominating and Balloting committees as well as Vice President. This is a great opportunity for seasoned professionals to help lead the section, and young professionals to become more involved. Nominations can be made for oneself or someone you know. The duties of all positions are explained in the FHS Procedures Manual and a list of individuals currently serving as section officers or as committee members can both be found at <http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/committees.php>.

All nominees must be FHS members and, if elected, they must also be an AFS member during their tenure as the committee chairperson or as a section officer. For a person to serve on the Professional Standards committee they must also be a certified Fish Health Inspector, a certified Fish Pathologist or a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Nominations will be accepted until 5PM (PST) March 20, 2009. If you are interested in being considered for any of these positions or would like to nominate someone please contact me.

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### **PASSINGS** (from Rocco Cipriano) In Memoriam:

Dr. Robert E. Putz passed away on December 13, 2009 at his home near Shepherdstown (WV). Bob, as he was known to his friends, described himself as "an average Joe with maybe above average vision." In his 74 years of life, Bob wore the hats of scientist and administrator with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He had a passion for life which exuded into his ardor for protecting this nation's fish and wildlife by promoting policies of sound management. Bob began his tenure with the USFWS as a parasitologist at the Eastern Fish Disease Laboratory (Leetown, WV) in 1962 under the tutelage of Dr. Stanislaus S. Snieszko. At that time, much of his research was devoted to the study of

Whirling Disease. After Bob left the bench, he held numerous positions within the highest levels of the USFWS including tenures as the Associate Director for Research, the Associate Director for Wildlife Resources, and the Regional Director of the USFWS Region 1 - Alaska. Bob's vision included the transformation of the Eastern Fish Health Disease Laboratory into the National Fish Health Research Laboratory and the development of the National Fisheries Center - Leetown (predecessor to the Leetown Science Center). In addition to the NFHRL, Aquatic Ecology Laboratory, and the Fisheries Academy (precursor to the National Conservation Training Center (now at Shepherdstown, WV) that were located at Leetown, Bob's vision included the development of other satellite laboratories in Wellsboro (PA), Cortland (NY), Turners Falls (MA), Hagerman (ID), and Gainesville (FL). Upon his retirement from the USFWS, Bob worked with The Conservation Fund to establish The Freshwater Institute (Shepherdstown, WV) in his continued efforts to conserve and protect our nation's resources. Bob's energy and passion for life went far beyond his professional career. He will be missed by all who called him friend.

The 35th Eastern Fish Health Workshop will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Robert E. Putz - "...an average Joe with maybe above average vision..."

**MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS - FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS GO TO THE WEBSITE:**

<http://www.fisheries.org/fhs/meeting.htm>

**SIXTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH (ISAAH-6)**

**Sept. 5 - 9, 2010, in Tampa, Florida, USA**

<http://aquaticpath.epi.ufl.edu/isaah6>

**DANISH FISH IMMUNOLOGY RESEARCH NETWORK MEETING – see attached Book of ABSTRACTS and program DAFINET**

April 7,8, 2010

Please find attached the final program and abstracts for the upcoming DAFINET-meeting at KU-LIFE, April 7 and 8, 2010. The info has also been placed at [www.dafinet.dk](http://www.dafinet.dk).

**2010 EASTERN FISH HEALTH WORKSHOP – see attached title form.doc, 2010 registration.doc, abstract presentation.doc**

Shepherdstown, West Virginia

24-28 May 2010

Important Due Dates:

General Session Titles: Currently accepting until the program is full

Abstracts due: 1 April 2010

Early Registration: 1 April 2010

Late Registration: 2 April 2010 and thereafter  
Hotel Reservation: 1 April 2010  
Presentations due: 15 May 2010

Abstracts must be submitted by 1 April 2010. They can be sent via email to [rcipriano@usgs.gov](mailto:rcipriano@usgs.gov). Please follow the directions for preparation of abstracts and presentations (see attachment: abstract prep). Your attention to these guidelines is greatly appreciated. Power Point presentations are due by 15 May 2010.

**Best Student Paper Presentation:** The Eastern Fish Health Workshop will donate \$200 and a plaque for the Best Student Presentation. Eligible individuals must (1) be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate research program at the time that the presentation is given and present his/her own research. The award will be presented at our Banquet. You must register for this competition by completing the appropriate section of the Word attachment entitled "title"

**Registration:** A \$165.00 registration fee (U.S. dollars) includes a reception on Monday evening, workshop proceedings, refreshments at breaks, buffet breakfasts and luncheons on each of the three days of the workshop. Make checks payable to the "Eastern Fish Health Workshop" and return payment with your registration form by 1 April 2010. A late registration fee of \$190.00 (U.S. dollars) is charged after this date. The EFHW does not accept credit cards and there are no daily or discounted registrations.

**Lodging Accommodations:** Accommodations must be made with The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center at (304) 876-7000. You must identify your affiliation with the Eastern Fish Health Workshop and call before 1 April 2010 to secure a room at the special convention rate of \$81.00 per night (\$10.00 extra person). The airport operates a shuttle service from Dulles International Airport (about 75 minutes in each direction).

### **2010 WESTERN FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP**

<http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/westernfishdisease/index.html>.

A continuing education session is still in the planning so stay tuned, but the site is open for registration and other information about the meeting.

### **JOBS**

#### **POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY IN HERRING DISEASE ECOLOGY**

A highly qualified candidate is being sought to fill an available post doctoral research position studying the effects of infectious and parasitic diseases on populations of wild Pacific herring. Research will include a combination of

pathogen surveillances from wild populations, bench-top experiments, and empirical challenge studies intended to determine cause-and-effect disease relationships. The incumbent will be based in Nanaimo, BC and research partners will include the Herring Conservation and Research Society (HCRS), Pacific Biological Station (DFO), and the Marrowstone Marine Field Station (U.S. Geological Survey) in Washington State. The successful applicant will have a background in molecular biology, virology, parasitology, pathology, disease ecology, and / or fisheries science. Funding for the position is available immediately and is expected to be available for 2-3 years. Salary will commensurate with experience and will be competitive with the post doctoral ranges as listed by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. Preference will be given to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants. If interested in applying, please send a letter of intent and current CV to Drs. Kyle Garver ([kyle.garver@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:kyle.garver@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)) and Paul Hershberger ([phershberger@usgs.gov](mailto:phershberger@usgs.gov)) by April 2, 2010.

**CLINICAL SCIENTIST, NOVARTIS – see attached Employment 2010\_AVC.pdf**

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