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## **FHS NEWS**

### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:**

Several questions have been posed about the process of becoming members of the Fish Health Section, renewing memberships, and the different types of memberships available. Hopefully I can answer most of these questions, but more information can be obtained directly from the source: Eva Przygodzki, our Membership Coordinator at the American Fisheries Society main office in Bethesda, MD. She can be emailed at [eprzygod@fisheries.org](mailto:eprzygod@fisheries.org) or phoned at 301-897-8616- ext. 203.

### **How and when do I renew my FHS Membership?**

No matter when you first joined, memberships are valid only to the end of the calendar year. So, come January 1<sup>st</sup>, renew! You can renew your membership by credit card on the [www.fisheries.org](http://www.fisheries.org) website, OR you can request a mailed billing from Eva (she will send you a form to submit with payment if that is preferred).

### **Can I join the Fish Health Section without joining AFS too?**

Yes: just check the area on the form for the FHS dues and pay that amount. You will not receive some of the benefits AFS membership provides, such as Fisheries Magazine, but FHS discounts will apply.

### **Can I join the FHS as an affiliate member of another professional society such as the EAAP?**

Yes, affiliate memberships are offered. Contact Eva Przygodzki and she will provide you specifics of costs and benefits.

More details about joining and maintaining membership will be posted to the FHS Website soon. Until then, please pass this information along to folks that are not yet members but have expressed an interest in joining. Certified Aquatic Animal Health Inspectors (Fish Health Inspectors) and Pathologists must be members to maintain their certifications.

**Snieszko Student Travel Awards** – applications are now being accepted for the 2010 International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health hosted by the FHS in Tampa FL in September. This award is normally provided to one or two exceptional student applicants, but this year we are providing extra funds to offset the cost of travel for many more students, foreign and domestic, members and non-members, to the ISAAH. Deadline for Application submission is May 2, 2010. Contact Deb Iwanowicz (Awards Committee Chair - [diwanowicz@usgs.gov](mailto:diwanowicz@usgs.gov)) and see the announcement below for details.

**2010 International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health - Call for abstracts now posted!!!!** Visit the website for details - <http://aquaticpath.epi.ufl.edu/isaah6/>

**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 ISA AH 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 (below) on how to apply.

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

Mail them to:

Deborah Iwanowicz  
Chair, AFS/FHS Nominating and Balloting Committee  
National Fish Health Research Laboratory  
11649 Leetown Road  
Kearneysville, WV 25430

Or email to:

[diwanowicz@usgs.gov](mailto:diwanowicz@usgs.gov)

**SNIESZKO STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS FOR 2010 ISAAH** - 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

**GLENN HOFFMAN PASSING (forwarded by Rocco Cipriano)**

I have just been made aware of the passing of Dr Glenn Hoffman on February 23. His obituary follows:

Glenn Lyle Hoffman, Sr., Ph.D., previously from Leetown, WV, and lately residing in Bethlehem, PA, died in St. Lukes Hospital on February 23, 2010. Born on a poor Iowa farm, Dr. Hoffman went to college on a wrestling scholarship. Following military service during World War II in a medical research laboratory, he earned a Ph.D. in Parasitology from the University of Iowa. After teaching at

the University of North Dakota, he joined the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as a research fish parasitologist. He became internationally recognized as an expert in this field, publishing many articles, culminating in publication of an authoritative reference book, *Parasites of North American Freshwater Fishes*, now in its second edition. Dr. Hoffman was predeceased by his beloved wife, Carolyn Wilson Hoffman, and a son, James W. Hoffman. Survivors: Survivors include Pam Hoffman of Bridgeport, CT, G. Lyle Hoffman, Jr., and his wife, Kathy Zadorozny, of Easton, PA, Becky Hoffman Craig and her husband, Todd Craig, of St. Louis, MO, and three granddaughters. Services: A memorial service will be held at Kirkland Village, Bethlehem, PA, on Saturday, March 6, at 1:30 p.m. Burial will be in Skowhegan, ME, at the family's convenience. Arrangements, Pearson Funeral Home, Bethlehem, PA. Contributions: Dr. Hoffman had requested that memorial donations be made to the James W. Hoffman Lecture in Comparative Literature, Department of Comparative Literature, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire 03755, MADD or RID.

**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 (ISA AH-6)**

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

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

**2010 WESTERN FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP**

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

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State University Microbiology Department invite you to attend the 51st Western Fish Disease Workshop on June 23-24, 2010 at the LaSelles-Stewart Center, Oregon State University, in Corvallis, Oregon. The workshop will be preceded by a half-day continuing education session on the afternoon of June 22nd. Registration and additional information will be available at

<http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/westernfishdisease/index.html>. Now is the time to reserve the dates on your calendar and make your room reservations.

Continuing Education session on Parasites in Wild Populations: To be held on Tues, June 22 – More to follow

Lodging: Hilton Garden Inn, Corvallis, Oregon.

Room rates: \$90 single, \$110 double. Rooms will be held under "Western Fish Disease Workshop" for individual call reservations. Guests must call in to the front desk (541-752-5000) to confirm reservations with this group.

Room block cut off date: June 1, 2010 [www.hiltongardeninn.com](http://www.hiltongardeninn.com).

Recreational Opportunities:

Corvallis is located in the heart of the Willamette Valley, and is uniquely situated between big cities, pristine mountains, and the Oregon Coast. Visit [Travel Oregon](#) and [VisitCorvallis.com](#) for more information.

Important Dates:

May 15, 2010 Deadline for student travel award submission  
June 1, 2010 Deadline for abstract submission  
Deadline for reduced room reservations  
June 18, 2010 Deadline for online registration

Contact Information: If you have any questions at this time please contact either

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Students: Students are eligible to compete for the Best Student Paper Award. This will be a monetary award. There will also be a limited number of positions for graduate students to waive the cost of registration by assisting with session audio-visuals. Contact Dr. Jerri Bartholomew for details.

Student Travel Award to be presented to one student to help cover costs associated with attending the WFDW to present a paper in the aquatic animal health field. Following the submission of required materials, each student's application is judged based on the quality of the abstract, significance of/interest in the research, academic achievement, professional achievement and financial need. The following documentation is required by May 15: 1) Letter of application and statement of any special financial circumstances (i.e., not supported by a stipend, etc.); 2) Letter of recommendation from the student's major professor; 3) Copy of abstract of paper to be presented. All supporting material should be emailed to [bartholj@science.oregonstate.edu](mailto:bartholj@science.oregonstate.edu) or sent to Dr. Jerri Bartholomew, Department of Microbiology, Oregon State University, 220 Nash Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-3804.

**EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR THE AFS NATIVE PEOPLES TRAVEL AWARD:**

Applications due April 30th 2010

Please find in the attachment, the announcement for the Native People Travel award for the 2010 Meeting in Pittsburgh. At your earliest convenience, kindly disseminate this to fellow students and colleagues that may be interested in applying for the award. Please note that the closing date for the award is    April 1st.    Application can also be found on the EOS website

(<http://www.fisheries.org/units/eos/pages/nativepeoplesstudenttravel.html>).  
Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you in advance for your help on this.

Cheers,  
Larry

**JOBS**

## **RESOURCES**

**AQUACULTURE DRUG UPDATE AND SOLICITATION FOR COMMENTS – See attached AADAP.pdf for solicitation, or go to website:**  
<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/aadap/2010%20Updates.htm>

Hello Everyone,

The latest edition of the AADAP Newsletter (Vol 6-1) is now available to view or download for printing. To view click on the following link and click on either the pdf version link to download. An xps version will be added in a couple of days.

<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/aadap/newsletter.htm>

We have decided to provide only a link as opposed to attaching a pdf file, in the hopes that this will cause less problems with server limitations relative to size of email attachments. An additional change to the Newsletter is a Table of Contents on the first page, with hyperlinks to the various sections and articles.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions or comments on recent changes, or anything else related to the Newsletter or AADAP's website. Don't forget to pass this on to others that you feel may benefit from the information within the Newsletter.

Cheers.

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