June 14, 2010
The official link to the FHS website is: http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs

FHS NEWS

ELECTIONS
FHS elections are now open. Cast your vote now! Candidate biosketches and a ballot form are located on the nominations page. You will need to acquire a log-in name and password to access these files on the website. Remember, you need to be a current member to vote.
Sent ballots to: diwanowicz@usgs.gov
Ballots due July 23

ISAAH REMINDER - http://aquaticpath.epi.ufl.edu/isaah6
Are you attending this Sixth International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health in Tampa, September 5-9? This is the time to act. Call for abstracts and regular registration remain open through July 15th, and there are still rooms available at the symposium hotel with specially-negotiated conference rates. Again, this ISAAH hosts this year’s annual Fish Health Section meeting, with a whole lot more offering a global aquatic animal health perspective!

View the symposium website (http://aquaticpath.epi.ufl.edu/isaah6) for details. There are new workshops and educational excursions being offered, including swimming with manatees at the beautiful Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge! Also, there are still Snieszko Student Travel Awards available for student registrants. These awards also provide free one year membership to FHS for those who are not already members (i.e., spread the word).

Attention Students Attending the 6th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health
If you are in need of a roommate for your hotel costs, please become a friend to the AFS/FHS Students Facebook page and post on the wall! Make sure to let everyone know if you’re male or female and how many roommates you would like.
With that, please utilize the facebook page. This is an open forum to discuss problems, accomplishments, or just letting off some steam. It’s also an excellent way to get to know each other, even for future collaborations!! So utilize the AFS/FHS Students Facebook page and start posting!!

MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS - FOR INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS GO TO THE WEBSITE:
http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/meeting.php

2010 WESTERN FISH DISEASE WORKSHOP – see attached CE session
agenda.doc, WFDW agenda.doc, SESSION OUTLINE.doc
2ND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS & EXHIBITION ON AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND DISEASES

University of Tehran, Iran

Held by Veterinary Council, I.R. Iran, as Organizer, with collaboration of Contemporary Conference Organizers as co-organizer and with support of Iran Veterinary Organization, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of University of Tehran, Iranian Fisheries Research Organization and Iran Fisheries Organization, during October 26-27, 2010, in Tehran-Iran.

Topics of Conference consist of:
- Diseases, Prevention and Treatment
- Nutritional Health Management
- Water Quality Management
- Health Management in Farms

You and your distinguished colleagues are kindly invited to send the abstract of paper/papers utmost to June 20, 2010 to secretariat, to be submitted to congress scientific committee. The abstract should include: title, authors, affiliations, corresponding author e-mail, abstract (not more than 400 words) and 5-7 keywords.

For receiving more detailed information you are kindly invited to refer to our website: http://www.icahmd.com/call_for_paper.php and if you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the congress secretariat.

With best regards,

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JOBS
http://www.fisheries.org/units/fhs/employment.php

MICROBIOLOGIST – see attached JobDescription_Microbiologist_2010.doc
B.C., Canada
NON-PERMANENT FISH & WILDLIFE HEALTH SPECIALIST – see attached 1355-10 Fish Hlth Spec.doc
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

FISH CULTURIST POSITION
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Ahsahka, Idaho
Open competitive announcement until June 25, 2010. The announcement is located at the following link:
Applications will only be accepted through this website.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN OYSTER MARKER DEVELOPMENT AT URI.
The University of Rhode Island (www.uri.edu) is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to participate in a cooperative project with the USDA Agricultural Research Service and the East Coast Shellfish Breeding Consortium. The project involves the use of high-throughput sequencing to identify single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) in Eastern oysters. SNP markers are a critical resource for efforts to enable quantitative trait locus mapping and marker-assisted selection in this species. The fellow will be a member of DIMO (http://cels.uri.edu/dimo), an interdisciplinary team of researchers and students studying Diseases of Marine Organisms.

Applicants must have a PhD in biology, molecular biology, genetics, bioinformatics, or related fields. Experience in the analysis of high-throughput sequencing data and genetic marker development and validation is preferred, as well as experience in shellfish biology. Applicants should also have excellent communication skills and be able to work in a team environment.

This is an 18 month position at a competitive salary. Applications should be submitted in the form of a cover letter and resume emailed to gomezchi@uri.edu, and should include the contact information of three people willing to act as referees. Application evaluation starts June 15th and will continue until the position is filled.

For further information or to submit an application please contact: Dr. Marta Gómez-Chiarri, University of Rhode Island, 169 CBLS, 120 Flagg Road, Kingston, RI 02835, USA. Telephone: +1-401-874-2917, email: gomezchi@uri.edu

Marta Gomez-Chiarri, Professor
Graduate Program Director
FISH PATHOLOGIST II - JOB ANNOUNCEMENT – MONTHLY SALARY
$4,494 – see attached Alaska.Fish Pathologist job announcement.doc
The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Fish Pathology Section is currently recruiting for a Fish Pathologist II in Anchorage under the direction of the Fishery Scientist I/Principal Fish Pathologist in Juneau. This is a full time, senior level position responsible for the daily management of the Anchorage Fish Pathology Laboratory with supervision of two staff members. Other duties include management of assigned programs for statewide public and private facilities directed towards finfish and shellfish disease detection and control, as well as inspection of hatchery facilities and disease history evaluation of fish and shellfish stocks.

Contact Information and Apply On Line –
http://notes3.state.ak.us/wa/postapps.nsf/997aaae09c093ddd8925643e0063742b/9e19de28ea18f66f892577390001bd29?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,fish,pathologist

RESOURCES

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE (VFD) – see attached Boilerplate for VFD comments.doc
Your help is needed. The public comment period for Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) Regulations closes on June 28. A "boiler plate" of comments is attached. Please sign and send to FDA. The more comments FDA receives regarding VFD regulations, the more seriously they will consider changing the regulations to improve the efficiency of using VFD drugs in aquaculture. Please be aware that you might not be able to sign your name as an affiliate to your agency/university/place of employment without sending the document up the chain-of-command for review and approval. If that is the case, please sign the document as an individual without including your employment affiliation.

Thanks in advance for your help,
Jim Bowker