

Fish Health Section



FHS NEWS – October 2025

Fish Health Section website: <https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/>

Fish Health Section Facebook Site: <https://facebook.com/FishHealthSectionAFS>

Fish Health Section on LinkedIn: Please join our newest social media network at LinkedIn Login, Sign in or search for us and ask to join.

Fish Health Section Twitter/X feed: @AFSFishHealth

Fish Health Section Fishbook Group: <https://fishbook.fisheries.org/groups/fish-health-section/>

A new AFS networking platform now allows fisheries professionals to share and collaborate on research projects, as well as form networking groups. The Fisheries Collaboration Network, nicknamed Fishbook, is now open for all to create accounts. Upload your research projects in progress or even those still in the conceptual stage, receive comments and find collaborators. Check out the Fish Health Section Group.

Welcome to our newest and returning members: Gavin Glenney. To continue receiving the monthly newsletter, please renew your memberships in AFS and the FHS at <https://fisheries.org/membership/>.

In Memoriam

News came in recently that Dr. John Plumb, former long-time faculty member in Auburn Fisheries passed away. He was 91. Here is the obituary link: <https://www.jeffcoattrant.com/obituary/John-Plumb>

I also took a few minutes and looked over Dr. Plumb's contributions to Auburn fisheries as described by Dr. Wayne Shell in his book on our program. Dr. Plumb played an incredibly foundational role in establishing and advancing our fish health program, starting around 1969. Plumb arrived at Auburn during the emergence of the channel catfish virus disease and quickly became a national leader in aquatic pathology. Plumb and his group conducted seminal work on viral, bacterial, and parasitic diseases of cultured fishes, particularly channel catfish and largemouth bass. His studies covered the pathology, epizootiology, and control of major diseases such as channel catfish virus, *Edwardsiella ictaluri* (the cause of Enteric Septicemia of Catfish), *Aeromonas*, *Streptococcus* infections, and Largemouth Bass Virus. Plumb's group also explored environmental and physiological effects on fish immunity, disease transmission, and survival, including studies on vaccination, salinity, and stocking density. Beyond disease pathology, Plumb's team contributed significantly to improving survival of bass caught during fishing tournaments (a new thing at that time in the south) - their science was ultimately adopted by B.A.S.S. as best practices during the Ray Scott years. Dr. Plumb's career here definitely positioned Auburn as a leading hub for fish health research and aquaculture disease management. I think we are still largely known for our outstanding work in the fish health sector, and Dr. Plumb was a major part of that.

Andrew L. Rypel, Ph.D.

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & COURSES

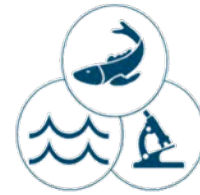


Every four years, the Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society convenes ISAAH, a symposium that is broad in scientific scope, geographic range, and impact to the aquatic animal health community worldwide

The 10th ISAAH will be hosted by Nord University in Bodø, Norway, offering unique opportunities for...

- Networking
- Continuing education
- Industry engagement
- Facility tours

SAVE THE DATE—DETAILS COMING SOON!



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JOBS/GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Angela Baysinger Memorial Scholarship

The American Association of Swine Veterinarians Foundation values collaboration across species and industries to support the long-term advancement of production animal welfare now and in the future. The objective of the Angela Baysinger Memorial Scholarship is to promote the long-term improvement of production animal welfare by supporting experiential learning opportunities for the next generation of animal welfare veterinarians and scientists.

This scholarship is awarded annually to a student with a passion for production animal welfare that is currently working or studying in a field of animal welfare science. This individual will contribute to the body of animal welfare science with the goal to continue to expand our understanding of animal welfare and promote animal welfare education of veterinary students, veterinarians, and the public.

Applicants must be a veterinary student, graduate student, resident, or intern pursuing an existing program in a college of veterinary medicine or appropriate graduate department in an academic institution located within North America.

Scholarship funds are intended to be used to support student experiential learning opportunities that will further enhance knowledge in the field of production animal welfare.

See attached .pdf for more information.

Zebrfish Related Job Announcements

<https://wiki.zfin.org/display/jobs/Zebrafish-Related+Job+Announcements>

RESOURCES/NEWS

Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) Updates are available by request:

The AADAP Updates feature news on aquaculture drugs currently in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval process, AADAP programmatic updates, and aquaculture drug use guidance information. If you would like to sign up to receive the AADAP Update, please email to be paige_maskill@fws.gov added to our email listserv.



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Selected students will receive \$5000 to support their interests in production animal welfare. Funds from the scholarship can be used to support animal welfare research project costs, travel to conferences or to fund experiential learning experiences. The awardee will be expected to attend the AASV Pig Welfare Committee meetings held in person at the AASV Annual Meeting and virtually throughout the year. Complimentary registration and an additional \$300 travel stipend for attending the AASV Annual Meeting to receive the scholarship will be provided. Students conducting research projects related to production animal welfare are strongly encouraged to submit an abstract for presentation at the AASV Annual Meeting. Veterinary students may submit an abstract for the Student Seminar session and graduate students or residents may submit an abstract for the Research Topics session.

To Apply

To apply, submit the following to foundation@asv.org by December 31, 2025.

1. A cover letter (500 words or less) that describes what production animal welfare means to you.
2. A summary (250 words or less) of prior experience working with or studying production animal welfare.
3. A summary (250 words or less) of what additional welfare experiences you wish to gain using this scholarship fund and how you intend to use the funds received.
4. Letter of support from a mentor.
5. Contact information (mailing address, email address, phone number)

For More Information

The Angela Baysinger Memorial Scholarship was established through generous contributions to the Angela K. Baysinger Memorial Fund administered by the American Association of Swine Veterinarians Foundation. For more information about the AASV Foundation, see aasv.org/foundation.