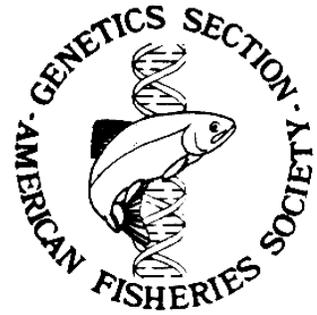




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Free Fly Rods! Elephant Rides! Walleye Karaoke!*

Don't forget to attend the **Annual Business Meeting** of the AFS Genetics Section. The meeting will be held from 5-6PM on Monday evening in the Ryman One and Two Rooms of the Renaissance Nashville Hotel. Here we discuss upcoming symposia, travel grants, membership, and other things that matter to you. Be there!

while we may not be giving away free fly rods, conducting elephant rides, or performing walleye karaoke at the business meeting, how can you be sure of this if you don't attend?!?!

In Memoriam: Dr. George Milner

Several AFS Genetics Society members, including but not limited to David Teel, Fred Utter, Fred Allendorf, Gary Thorgaard and Gary Winans, are collecting stories of George and welcome ideas for a dedicated informal remembrance.

George B. Milner, 75, of Silver City, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at his residence. George B. Milner was born Sept. 6, 1933. The loving father, grandpa, and devoted friend died after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Milner moved to Washington state, where he served in the Army, stationed at Fort Lewis. He went on to graduate from Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., with a bachelor of arts degree in botany and a master's in genetics. After college, he moved back to the Puget Sound area and spent some years employed with Boeing as a human engineering analyst on the Boeing 727. From there, Mr. Milner went to work at the National Marine Fisheries, where he was instrumental in developing Northwest salmon stock identification. Today, his work and published papers are still being referenced and utilized worldwide. When he retired, he moved to Silver City, where he remained until the day of his passing.

He is survived by his son, George Milner, of Reno, Nev.; two daughters, Elizabeth Kramer of Enumclaw, Wash., and Lily Milner of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Christopher, Annie, Lauren, Samuel and Clay; as well as a loved one, Janet Deloache of Silver City.

Congratulations James E. Wright Graduate Awardees!

The AFS Genetics Section James E. Wright Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that **Jamie Roberts** (Virginia Tech) and **Yen Duong** (Michigan State University) are co-recipients of the 2009 James E. Wright Graduate Award. On behalf of the Genetics Section of the AFS, we would like to congratulate Jamie and Yen.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the other applicants, Michael Ackerman (University of Washington) and Kathleen Fisch (University of California, Davis). The committee was impressed by how all of the applicants are conducting interesting and high quality research that will advance the field of Fisheries Genetics.

We look forward to meeting you all and seeing your presentations at the AFS annual meeting in Nashville.

Sincerely,

Jeff Olsen, Chair, James E. Wright Scholarship Committee

Conservation Genetics Laboratory, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage AK

Symposium Reminder

Cultured Aquatic Animals: Use and Implications for Stock Enhancement, Fisheries Management, and Species Diversity

AQUACULTURE 2010
San Diego, California, USA
March 1-5, 2010

On behalf of the Fish Culture and Genetics Sections of the American Fisheries Society and the U.S. Aquaculture Society, we would like to invite you to present in a symposium entitled: "Cultured Aquatic Animals: Use and Implications for Stock Enhancement, Fisheries Management, and Species Diversity", to be held at the AQUACULTURE 2010 conference in San Diego, California from March 1-5, 2010.

AQUACULTURE is the Triennial meeting of the Fish Culture Section of the American Fisheries Society, the National Shellfisheries Association, and the World Aquaculture Society. Held every 3 years, the Triennial is the largest aquaculture conference held in the world, and is an unmatched opportunity to learn, network, and contribute to the aquaculture field. If you attend just one conference in 2010, it should be the Triennial! Our objectives in organizing this symposium are to foster communication between the various stakeholders involved in the propagation and use of cultured aquatic animals, to encourage critical thinking and interdisciplinary solutions to real or perceived issues associated with hatcheries, and to facilitate dissemination of information about the use of cultured aquatic animals among fisheries professionals. Specifically, this

symposium will address: 1) hatchery reform; what it is and how it is working; 2) culture methods to improve rearing success and integration into the wild; 3) genetic assessment tools and breeding strategies to maximize beneficial contributions to wild populations and minimize risks associated with the use of cultured aquatic animals; and 4) the changing regulatory landscape which directs the implementation of the above in reforming fisheries enhancement and management programs.

The deadline for presenters' abstracts will be due August 31, 2009. If you are planning to give a presentation, a prompt response is greatly appreciated. Please provide your name, affiliation, and a tentative title for your presentation.

If you are interested in joining us in San Diego or have additional questions about the proposed symposium or the AQUACULTURE 2010 conference, please contact the co-chairs via the contact information provided below. Additionally, if you have colleagues who may be interested in presenting, please forward this message to them. See you in San Diego!

Sincerely,

Symposium Chairs Ken Leber (kleber@mote.org), Mike Denson (DensonM@dnr.sc.gov), Kim Scribner (scribne3@msu.edu), Jesse Trushenski (saluski@siu.edu), and Max Mayeaux (MMAYEAUX@CSREES.USDA.GOV)

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