



## CEMARE Issues First Call for Abstracts for IIFET 2006 Portsmouth

IIFET 2006 Portsmouth organizers will soon issue the first call for abstracts for IIFET's next biennial conference by email and printed media. The main theme of IIFET's thirteenth international event is "**Rebuilding Fisheries in an Uncertain Environment**". The event will be organized by the Centre for the Economics and Management of Aquatic Resources (CEMARE), led by Sean Pascoe with assistance from Nicola Waterman, at the University of Portsmouth on the UK's historic south coast, 11-14 July 2006.

IIFET 2006 will provide a forum for participants to discuss the current state of the world's fisheries and exchange ideas on the best means to rebuild those that have been damaged by natural disasters or human activities. In addition to submitted paper and poster sessions, debate will be further stimulated by panel discussions, special sessions and keynote addresses.

To encourage lively and well-balanced debate, participation by academics, industry leaders and government decision-makers alike is welcomed. Economists and other social scientists, biologists, ecologists, resource users and managers, seafood traders, distributors and marketers, policy-makers, government representatives, legal scholars and historians are invited to submit abstracts for consideration. By including contributions from a variety of disciplines, IIFET 2006 Portsmouth hopes to foster debate, broaden thinking and ask new questions, and consider new answers to old questions.

The conference website at <http://www.iifet2006.org> will be ready soon with more details.

### Main Conference Themes

#### **Fish for the future: recovering fisheries from crisis or collapse**

A number of fisheries around the world have reached crisis point or moved beyond it to the point of collapse. The aim of this major conference theme is to provide a forum for papers which attempt to answer or inform the big question: how do we best achieve recovery? Issues to be addressed could include: what is recovery? How do different stakeholders define it and how could it be measured? Do we need to shift to a new management paradigm in order to achieve recovery? How do we avoid a recurrence of these problems in the future?

#### **Ocean management: fisheries and the ecosystem**

The marine environment is under increasing pressure from a range of activities. As a result, there is a growing need to improve ocean and fishery management policies under which the effect of fisheries on the natural environment is explicitly considered. Determining these effects requires not only an assessment of scientific impacts, but an evaluation of the broader economic costs of the inflicted damage and the benefits of conservation. Amongst others, suitable topics for inclusion in these

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sessions are fishery-environment interaction, evaluating impacts on the marine environment, the role of economic indicators and indices, and marine spatial planning.

### **Fisheries after natural disasters: rebuilding and rehabilitation**

The inclusion of this theme was prompted by the urgent need to rehabilitate the areas affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami; however, sessions need not be exclusively dedicated to this particular natural disaster. Eligible topics include coastal zone management, waste management/sanitation, water management, environmental planning of coastal settlement, sustainable energy and transport networks and implementation of international environmental agreements relating to natural catastrophes and/or geological hazards.

## **Other Conference Themes**

### **Aquaculture**

For IIFET 2006 Portsmouth, the organisers particularly welcome the submission of papers relating to stock enhancement, open ocean aquaculture, interaction between farmed and wild stock and the interaction between aquaculture and the environment, and other aquaculture-related economic issues. Markets for aquaculture products—new, native, and traditional—may also be addressed under the International Trade and Marketing topics described below.

### **Development**

Of the estimated 51 million people who rely on fisheries 6 million earn less than US\$1 a day. The United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDG) emphasise the contribution of sustainable fisheries to poverty alleviation. Ecologically sustainable development, on the other hand, seeks to integrate short and long term economic, social and environmental effects into the fishery-related decision making of government and industry. To consider this particular problem, we invite the submission of papers on MDG and fisheries, poverty alleviation, ensuring livelihoods of economically vulnerable fishing communities, sustainable fishing practices, societal goals and values, acceptable levels of exploitation of fish stocks, the regulation of fisheries and ecologically and economically sustainable fisheries.

### **International Trade**

These sessions will provide a broad platform for discussion of issues and problems related to trade in fish and fish products from both fishing and aquaculture, in developed as well as developing countries. Papers are solicited on competing goals and objectives of agencies and organizations concerned with fish and fish products trade (including fishermen, other commercial interests, environmental interests, national governments, international groups, and others), the practical realities of fish and fish products trade (including energy costs, illegal fishing, and impacts of trade on food security in developing countries), policy and policy directions affecting fish and fish products trade (both direct and indirect), including market liberalization, safety and quality issues, the GATT WTO round, trade and the environment, eco-labelling, IUU and trade measures, and supply chain measures

### **Marketing**

Maximising and adding to the value of fishery and aquaculture products is becoming increasingly important in the light of dwindling stock health, shrinking profit margins and environmental and developmental sustainability issues.



Portsmouth Harbor

The organisers invite papers dealing with topics such as demand and supply analysis, product certification and traceability schemes including eco-labelling and market and supply channel analysis.

## **Modelling**

Theoretical and empirical bioeconomic modelling and analysis is always a core IIFET conference theme. As the pressure on fish resources has increased, so too has the need for more detailed and reliable simulation and prediction tools to provide management advice. Modelling papers that address one of three main themes outlined above (to which modelling is particularly pertinent) will be evaluated accordingly. The organizers also invite submission of abstracts dealing with both conceptual and applied issues for which this will be the most appropriate session.

## **Policy and Management**

Policy directions and management options are of central importance to the healthy operation of fisheries and supporting sectors. Topics for inclusion in this theme may include: 1) futures analysis and long-term policy vision; 2) coping with risk and uncertainty; 3) trade-offs and hierarchy in management objectives; 4) market-based incentives; 5) command and control vs. economic incentives; 6) taxation; 7) direct and indirect subsidisation; 8) community-based management and co-management approaches.

In addition to the themes outlined above, ideas are being collected for other topics. Please contact [themes@iifet2006.org](mailto:themes@iifet2006.org) with your suggestions.

## **Special Sessions**

Within and in addition to the general conference themes, a group of special sessions will combine submitted and solicited papers on a variety of specific issues. Topics and organizers are in development; please refer to the second Call for Abstracts in December 2005 and the conference website for further detail.

### **1. Management of High Seas Fisheries**

According to the Law of the Sea, the high seas beyond 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) are deemed international common property open to all nations. The inadequacy of this legal setting as a means of dealing with the sustainable management of fish stocks has been proved by the many conflicts between fishing nations and the severe depletion of many straddling and highly migratory fish stocks. According to the 1995 UN Fish Stock Agreement, coastal countries and distant water fishing nations should cooperate in the management of these stocks through Regional Fisheries Management Operations (RFMO), whose objective is the long run sustainability of stocks. The success of RFMOs remains to be seen. The session will deal with theoretical issues regarding the management of straddling and highly migratory fish stocks in addition to case studies.

**Organisers: Professors Trond Bjørndal and Gordon Munro.**

### **2. Post-Tsunami Damage Assessment and Rehabilitation**

This session aims to bring together international experts, including IIFET members from the tsunami-affected countries, to evaluate the performance of rehabilitation efforts and to identify options for rebuilding or improving livelihood opportunities for tsunami affected communities. Economic and policy implications of restoring the region's fishing and aquaculture capacities will also be explored.

**Organisers: Madan Dey, WorldFish Centre and Robert Pomeroy, University of Connecticut**

### **3. The Economic Effects of Climate Change on Fisheries**

A number of studies have documented the ecological impacts of global climate change on aquatic resources. Historically, climate change has been implicated in the observed fluctuations in abundance of many fish species, including the small pelagic species which provide protein, income security, and livelihoods to coastal communities. The threat of

climate change exacerbates the vulnerability of poor households in coastal communities that are dependent on fisheries for consumption and income. The impact of climate change on fisheries has implications for future supply and demand for fisheries at the global level with consequences for prices and trade. However, documented studies on the economic analysis of climate change impacts on fisheries are still very few. This session will provide a forum for discussing methodological and empirical findings on the socioeconomic consequences of global climate change on aquatic resources.

**Organiser: Mahfuz Ahmed, WorldFish Center**

A number of other special sessions are being developed. Initial suggestions include:

**Trade, Environment and the Poor**  
**Rights-Based Fisheries and Co- and Community Based Fisheries Management**  
**Measurement and Impacts of Subsidies in International Fisheries**  
**Capacity Reduction Programs, including “Buybacks”**  
**Ecosystem Management**  
**Biodiversity and Protected Species Management**  
**Cumulative Effects of Fishery Management**  
**Interjurisdictional Management of Aquatic Ecosystems**

Individuals or organizations interested in organising additional special sessions should contact the conference organiser.

## **Call for Abstracts**

IIFET and CEMARE invite you to submit abstracts for papers and/or e-posters for presentation at IIFET 2006 Portsmouth. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **Friday 10 February 2006**. You will be notified of the Scientific Committee’s decision to accept or decline your abstract by **10 March 2006**.

## **Submission Process for Abstracts**

Abstracts should be submitted using the new online abstract submission system. The system has been designed to IIFET’s specification and is simple to use. Access to the system, which opens on **Monday 1 August 2006**, will be via the IIFET 2006 Portsmouth homepage (<http://www.iifet2006.org>).

## **Conference Features**

- Four days of plenary, submitted and invited papers sessions
- Ample opportunity to participate in panel discussions and structured and informal debate on the themes
- E-poster sessions and animated display
- Space for publishers, consulting firms and others to display their goods and services
- A US\$500 prize for the best student paper
- Formal and informal social events including a welcome reception hosted by Portsmouth’s Lord Mayor at the city’s Guildhall and a banquet dinner aboard HMS Warrior, the world’s first iron hulled armoured battleship restored to the condition in which she was first commissioned in 1860
- Opportunities for pre- and post-conference tours in the UK and the rest of Europe

## **E-poster Sessions**

IIFET 2006 sees the introduction of a new medium for posters. Instead of a traditional A3 two-dimensional poster, the organisers invite you to submit a PowerPoint presentation containing up to four slides. Of these, the first slide should be the poster in its entirety, with the remaining three slides providing an opportunity to expand on the ideas presented therein. Presenting posters in this way will enable IIFET to include them in the conference proceedings for the first

time. Consequently, while abstracts for e-posters will be submitted and reviewed in the usual way, authors will also be required to submit their e-poster for review by the Scientific Committee, as they would a paper. To ensure the smooth running of the poster sessions from a logistical point of view, we will require the completed e-poster presentation to be submitted no later than **Friday 9 June 2006**.

Please note: we regret that we will be unable to accept A3 two-dimensional posters for display at IIFET 2006 Portsmouth.

## Best Student Paper Award

Introduced at IIFET 2000, and now a well-established feature of the conference, the IIFET Executive Committee is once again pleased to offer an award of US\$500 to the author of the best student paper presented at the conference. To be eligible for the award, authors must be currently enrolled in a graduate programme, or have completed such a program no more than 12 months before the submission deadline, and must be the primary author on the paper to be submitted. Please visit the conference website at <http://www.iifet2006.org> for details.

## Important Dates

<b>Monday 1 August 2005:</b>	Abstract submission system opens
<b>Friday 9 December 2005:</b>	Deadline for financial support requests* (Please note: your abstract must be submitted with your request for financial assistance)
<b>Monday 9 January 2006:</b>	Registration opens
<b>Friday 10 February 2006:</b>	Deadline for the submission of abstracts
<b>Friday 10 March 2006:</b>	Acceptance decisions by Scientific Committee sent to authors
<b>Thursday 11 May 2006:</b>	Deadline for the submission of completed papers for “Best Student Paper Award”
<b>Friday 9 June 2006:</b>	Deadline for the submission of e-poster presentations
<b>Monday 10 July 2006:</b>	Conference registration desk opens & welcome reception
<b>Tuesday 11 July 2006:</b>	Conference opens
<b>Thursday 13 July 2006:</b>	Conference dinner
<b>Friday 14 July 2006:</b>	Deadline for submission of final papers for inclusion in proceedings (in hard copy and on digital file) at conference registration desk by 12:00 noon
<b>Friday 14 July 2006:</b>	Conference closes

\*Funding Support: Limited funding support may be available for applicants from low-income or developing countries only. See website for more details on funding criteria.

## Registration

Registration materials will be mailed, e-mailed and made available on the conference website in December 2005. Fees will range from US\$ 450-550 with special lower fees available to students. Registration fees cover attendance at all conference sessions 11-14 July, four lunches, reception, morning and afternoon tea and coffee, and conference proceedings. Optional events, including the conference banquet dinner, will be available at a small extra charge to conference participants and companions.

## Logistics

IIFET 2006 will be held at the University of Portsmouth which is located in the centre of the city of Portsmouth. The city is situated on the south coast of England, approximately 70 miles south west of London, the UK’s capital. Access



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IIFET 2006 Portsmouth Organizers

to Portsmouth is by road, rail and sea. There are frequent rail connections to Southampton airport and both of London's main international airports (Heathrow and Gatwick), and regular ferry crossings connect the city to the rest of Europe via the northern coasts of France and Spain.

The University will be able to provide good quality en-suite rooms in its halls of residence, in addition to which the city offers a full range of accommodation from hostels to hotels, plus a wide range of restaurants, cafes and entertainment venues for conference delegates and their companions.

The recently completed Richmond Building, home to the University's Business School, will be the venue for the working part of the conference programme. Refreshments and lunch will be served in the neighbouring Portland Building where a spacious atrium and courtyard garden will allow delegates to relax and enjoy the social aspects of the conference.



CEMARE Offices at Portsmouth Naval Dockyard

## Conference Sponsors

IIFET 2006 Portsmouth is in receipt of financial support from DEFRA (UK), NOAA Fisheries (US) and the Aquaculture Collaborative Research Support Program (US). Additional sponsorship opportunities are available; please contact [enquiries@iifet2006.org](mailto:enquiries@iifet2006.org) or [Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu).

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## NEWS NOTES

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### Condolences on London Bombings

All IIFET members in the UK who responded to our inquiries indicated that they were uninjured during the terrorist bombings which affected the London transport system on July 7. Several were within hearing of the attacks or reported passing through the affected areas just prior. The IIFET Secretariat would like to offer its most sincere condolences to all of those who were affected by the bomb blasts, and our hopes for a more peaceful future.

### *Fisheries Economists Wed in Transboundary/Highly Migratory Ceremonies*

In April of this year, **Dr. Erik Lindebo** joined fellow IIFET members **Dr. Mark Soboil** and **Dr. Philippe Lallemand** for some wonderful events in Cape Town, South Africa. Philippe married Sandra Diesveld on April 15th at the Steenberg Wine Estate in Constantia and **Mark** wed Julie Kopp on April 7th in Jakkalsfontein, a private reserve near Cape Town. **Dr. Lindebo** attended both weddings and served as best man at the Steenberg event. Both grooms traveled from Wellington, New Zealand, where they work, to South Africa for the events, while **Erik** joined the group en route from Denmark to his new job in Scotland. As is evidenced by the photos, a great time was had by all. Congratulations from IIFET!



## Post-Tsunami Rehabilitation Efforts by WorldFish Center

At its 27th Session held in Penang, Malaysia from 14-18 March 2005, the Board of Trustees of the WorldFish Center examined the situation created by the high-intensity earthquake on the west coast of northern Sumatra and the subsequent tsunami waves that caused extensive loss of lives and damage to coastal communities throughout the southern Bay of Bengal, including Malaysia and East Africa. The Board expressed its strong wish that the WorldFish Center should contribute to post-tsunami activities, including assessment of the overall impact on living resources, people and the environment as well as the reconstruction of livelihoods.

Actions and activities to date include the following.



### Collective action by the CGIAR Centers and Partners

In the rehabilitation, there is a need to ensure a better future for the affected communities, with sustainable livelihoods and restored natural resources. This requires facilitation of community-led processes that are linked to the larger-scale, cross-sectoral planning and national policies. The concept note coordinated by WorldFish, proposes collective action by CGIAR Centers and partners to assist in the rehabilitation process. This would involve 1) developing and supporting a cross-sectoral framework for rehabilitating livelihoods, 2) implementing location specific options to rebuild livelihood capital assets and 3) strengthening the capacity of communities, local and national agencies, development and research organizations. WorldFish is currently investigating donor support for a broad consultative meeting with partners to develop a full proposal.

The immediate and long-term impact of the tsunami on the biophysical environment and coastal communities' livelihoods is a critical input into the development of rehabilitation and restoration plans. The CGIAR Centers and Partners can provide a broad range of knowledge on the impact, as well as access to baseline data from some impacted areas. A concept note is currently being developed under the coordination of IWMI on livelihood and biophysical impact assessment of the tsunami, linked with the rehabilitation initiative.

### Consortium to Restore Shattered Livelihoods in Tsunami-Devastated Nations (CONSRN)

The WorldFish Center is part of the CONSRN Consortium, which is a regional initiative led by NACA and FAO RAP with APFIC, BOBP-IGO and SEAFDEC as partners. The Consortium is developing a regional approach to guide rehabilitation and restoration of fisheries and aquaculture in the impacted areas. Recently the Consortium held a consultation with the affected countries to develop a shared vision, set of principles and a strategy for the Consortium. The program of CONSRN activities is currently in development among the partners.

### WorldFish and Partner initiatives

The WorldFish Center and IIFET are working together to convene a special session on options for improving the livelihoods of Tsunami-affected communities during IIFET 2006 Portsmouth. This workshop will bring together international experts, including many IIFET members from the tsunami-affected countries to evaluate the performances of rehabilitation efforts and to identify options for improving livelihood opportunities for tsunami affected communities. In the interim, WorldFish and IIFET are also exploring the possibility of organizing a workshop on Tsunami impacts.

A variety of additional activities are in development at WorldFish. In Indonesia, the Center participated in consultations regarding the provision of technical support for the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries strategy for rehabilitation and reconstruction of fisheries and aquaculture. In partnership with GCRMN, WorldFish has been working with partners to standardize monitoring procedures and collate damage assessments on coral reefs, and make them available through ReefBase. The Center is distilling the lessons learned from previous projects in tsunami-affected countries; these will be made available as inputs to rehabilitation and restoration plans.

The WorldFish Center is currently assessing its role in Sri Lanka and Malaysia, and offering technical support in impact and needs assessments, including socio-economic and resource assessments and participatory approaches. During the rehabilitation phase, WorldFish may offer help including ICZM approaches and training, co-management approaches, pro-poor aquaculture and fisheries technologies and policies and fisheries management strategies.

































