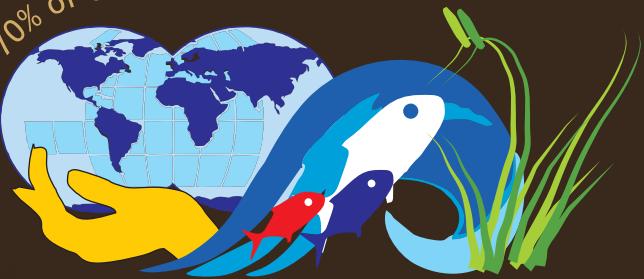


First Announcement



More than 3 billion people globally suffer from poverty, hunger and malnutrition
More than 70% of earth's surface area is covered with water



Global Symposium on Aquatic Resources for Eradicating Hunger and Malnutrition - Opportunities and Challenges

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- Professional Fisheries Graduates Forum, Mumbai



Background

Hunger and malnutrition have hindered peace and prosperity and interventions are needed at all levels to eradicate them from societies. Aquatic food as a primary source in the evolutionary history of humans is now well understood and it is believed that promoting food from water could bring even greater benefits to humanity as it has huge unfulfilled potential. Since the start of the Neolithic Revolution about 10,000 years ago, humans have shifted to farming rather than hunting animals and gathering plants on land as well as fishing in aquatic environments to meet the growing needs of humans. While harvesting fish from aquatic environments has continued on a large scale with the development of improved fishing practices, aquaculture or farming in water started to become a significant activity only in the past few decades, although it started more than 2000 years ago.

With shrinking land resources and increasing demand for quality food, water resources have started drawing the attention of visionary leaders. With more than 70% of the earth being covered with water, better management of these resources for food production through conservation as well as farming is essential. With nearly 50% of the world population living in poverty, which is the root cause for hunger and malnutrition, development of policies and programs to harness this vast aquatic resource has become urgent.

Role of AFSIB

The Asian Fisheries Society Indian Branch (AFSIB) was established 25 years ago with the purpose of providing a platform for researchers, professionals and policy makers to come together to develop strategies for the judicious use of aquatic resources on a sustainable basis. India with more than 1 billion people is facing an uphill task of addressing the problem of malnutrition in both the urban and rural areas, despite, impressive economic progress over the past decade. The recent HUNGAMA report, released and supported by parliamentarians, highlights the huge problems of this sector. Globally, the problem is equally severe, with several other developed countries also facing this problem with unequal access to resources.



In view of this, the Indian Branch of the Asian Fisheries Society has decided to use the occasion of its Silver Jubilee to highlight the opportunities available in harnessing this huge aquatic wealth as well as the challenges to be addressed in making these opportunities into reality. The Symposium aims to bring together specialists from the diverse fields of human nutrition, medicine, and policy makers besides those from aquatic resource management, aquaculture, food processing, economics, marketing and education sectors to highlight the significant accomplishments already made and to develop strategies collectively towards eradicating hunger and malnutrition from society. The Symposium would specifically examine and recommend eco-friendly principles for resource management and aquatic farming practices for the benefit, especially of the poorer segments of society.



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Major Sessions planned for the symposium:

1. Hunger and malnutrition analysis, prevailing in various economies and regions
2. Medical and nutritional products from aquatic resources
3. Aquatic products, their nutritional value, consumption patterns and preferences
4. Evolution and expansion of aquaculture production technologies
5. Processing and packaging of aquatic products to reach various sections of society
6. Nutrient dense fish: development of management strategies in open waters and techniques for their culture in captivity
7. Replacement of fish meal with plant proteins in commercial aquaculture and its implication for developing countries
8. Innovations in marketing strategies to reach the needy in rural areas
9. Policy changes needed to provide access to water resources by the poor
10. Strategies for awareness in promoting fish as health food
11. Public-private partnerships from concepts to reality
12. Innovations to impacts: success stories



Call for papers

Papers for oral or oral-poster on the areas indicated above are invited. Authors may submit abstracts not exceeding 300 words in soft copy to afsib.secretary@gmail.com. The abstract should be in Arial font of 12 size. For further details on abstracts submission, participation and updates about the symposium, please visit the website www.afsib.in

Note : Papers included in oral-poster session will be presented as poster and the identified theme leaders would capture the salient findings of all posters in the particular theme area and present the findings to the assembly. Concerned authors would answer queries, if any.



Sessions



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International Participants

All international participants are required to obtain a VISA to travel to India. Please contact the Indian embassy/consulate in your country for a VISA and any other travel requirements. The necessary permission letter to obtain visa from the Indian Embassy will be sent to all registered participants at least 2 months in advance.

Venue

The symposium will be held at Mangalore, Karnataka State, a location where the first Indian Fisheries Forum was held in 1987. Mangalore is well connected by road, rail and air and the city has hotels to cater to all categories of visitors.



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Exhibition

Commercial companies involved in developing drugs and nutritional products from aquatic products, aquaculture and fisheries, development institutions, educational and research establishments may exhibit their products and information materials.

There are three categories of booths:

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| 1. Large | ₹ 1.50 Lakhs | 3000 USD |
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| 3. Small | ₹ 0.75 Lakh | 1500 USD |

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