ANNOUNCEMENTS

Asian Wetland Symposium 2001: Bringing Partnerships into Good Practice

The organizers are honoured to invite everyone interested and involved in wetlands science, research, conservation, wise use, management, awareness/education and policy especially focusing on wetlands, their resources and biodiversity in the Asia and Pacific region to participate in this meeting. The primary aim of the symposium is to provide a discussion/dissemination forum for wetland scholars, experts, promoters, managers and citizens to share and exchange knowledge, experiences, expertise and new perspectives in creating a sustainable society in the Asia and Pacific region.

For more information, contact AWS2001 Secretariat (Japan), Reiko Nakamura, Ramsar Center Japan, 2-10-3 Minamikugahara, Ota-ku, Tokyo, 146-0084 Japan. Tel: (+81-3) 3758 7926; Fax: (+81-3) 3758 7927; Email: ramsarjc.nakamura@nifty.ne.jp; Website: http://aws2001.domainvalet.com

Sustainable Food Security for All by 2020 From Dialogue to Action

The Conference takes stock of the current situation, reviews progress in achieving sustainable food security since the first 2020 Vision conference in 1995, and offers state-of-the-art projections from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) to show how many will go hungry in 2020 if appropriate action is not taken. Sustainable Food Security for All by 2020 focuses on the emerging issues that are most likely to affect the global goal of achieving sustainable food security for all by year 2020 and prioritises actions that can have the greatest impact on improving food security.

For more information, contact Ms. Simone Hill-Lee, IFPRI, 2033 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006-1002, USA. Email: s.hill-lee@cgiar.org Website: http://www.ifpri.org/2020conference

LARVIEW Business Seminar: A Focus on Important Commercial Aspects of Fish Larviculture and its Future

The central themes of the LARVIEW meeting are nutrition in practice (feeding strategies), larval health, and water quality and environment in hatcheries. It is envisaged especially for general managers, hatchery managers and decision-makers who want to be informed on the latest commercial developments in the fish hatchery industry and on experts’ views on future outlooks for the sector.

For more information, contact Dr. Patrick Lavenc, INVE Europe Services NV. Tel: (+32-9) 337 7777; Fax: (+32-9) 337 7770; Email: ieuser@inve.be
Land degradation is a global issue, important to all countries owing to its adverse impacts on land productivity, climate change, food security, as well as environmental sustainability and quality of life. At this Conference it is hoped that progress will be made around the issues concerning monitoring of land quality and global climate change; land use ethics, social implications of land degradation; land reclamation technologies; and public policies to achieve sustainable land use.

For more information, contact Embrapa Solos – ICLD3, Rua Jardim Botanico, 1024, 22460-000 – Rio Janeiro, RJ, Brazil. Tel: (+55-21) 274 4999; Fax: (+55-21) 274 5291; Email: icld3@cnps.embrapa.br; Website: www.cnps.embrapa.br/ICLD

**SHRIMP 2001 Chennai: Fourth World Conference on the Shrimp Industry and Trade**

27-29 September 2001
Chennai, India
Organised by INFOFISH in collaboration with FAO, MPEDA and SEAI

World shrimp production continues to grow steadily, after successfully overcoming a spate of problems ranging from economic crises to viral disease outbreaks. During SHRIMP 2001, an international panel of experts, industry leaders and policy makers will review the critical issues involved in the growth and expansion of the industry.

Programme highlights:
- Global resources and supply situation (catching and farming)
- Major markets and market trends
- Products, value addition, quality assurance, aquaculture and technological developments
- Conservation, environment and trade issues
  - Investment opportunities
  - Buyer-seller meet (business session)

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**6th Asian Fisheries Forum**

The Triennial Meeting of Asian Fisheries Society
Asian Fisheries: Diversification and Integration

25-30 November 2001
National Sun Yat-Sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Organised by Asian Fisheries Society, Asian Fisheries Society Taiwan Branch, Fisheries Society of Taiwan, and Taiwan Fisheries Research Institute

The 6th Forum offers a well-designed programme, addressing various issues facing fisheries scientists and managers at the regional and global levels during these challenging and critical times. The Forum highlights the significance of fisheries in the region at the beginning of the third millennium and the 21st century. The Forum will tackle discussions on future directions for fisheries including capture fisheries, aquaculture, post-harvest processing and other related areas of major concern.

Running in tandem with the main scientific programme are trade expositions, field trips/tours, special workshops and symposia, and other activities.

For more information, contact Mr. John Cooksey, The Conference Manager, 2423 Fallbrook Place, Escondido, CA 92027 USA. Website: www.afs.tfrin.gov.tw