

WorldFish Center Library receives book donation from World Aquaculture Association

The WorldFish Center (formerly known as ICLARM – The World Fish Center) is an autonomous, nonprofit, international scientific and technical center, which has been organized to conduct, stimulate and accelerate research on all aspects of fisheries and other living aquatic resources. It aims for poverty eradication; a healthier, better-nourished human family; reduced pressure on fragile natural resources; and people-centered policies for sustainable development. It achieves this through research, partnerships, capacity building and policy support.

The Center produces much high quality research-based information in fisheries and living aquatic resources. The knowledge products produced are freely distributed to those who need it. The WorldFish library has been entrusted with this important role of supporting the information management and dissemination activities of the Center. It undertakes this responsibility by disseminating scientific information generated by the Center and also other information resources to Center staff and partners, scientists, resource management planners, administrators, NGOs, extension workers, and farmers/ fishers worldwide especially in developing countries. This is partly accomplished through the library's gift and exchange program whereby Center publications and library duplicates are distributed to other fisheries libraries, particularly those in the developing countries. It gives high priority to this program, as this is one way of ensuring that researchers of developing countries are provided with free, relevant and high quality scientific information.

On 24th June 2003, the WorldFish Center library received 505 copies of various volumes of the "Journal of the World Aquaculture Society", 11 copies of June 1998 "World Aquaculture Society Newsletter", 14 copies each of volumes 4, 6 and 7 of "Advances in World Aquaculture", 15 copies of "The new wave: proceedings of the special session on sustainable shrimp farming", 15 copies of "Health management, development and histology of seed oysters", 14 copies of "Microbial approaches to aquatic nutrition within environmentally sound aquaculture production systems, 14 copies of "Tilapia aquaculture in the Americas" and 13 CD-ROM copies of "A handbook of pathology and diagnostic procedures for diseases of penaeid shrimp". Shi-Yen Shiau, Chair of WAS Outreach Committee, organized the contribution and shipment. We wish to thank Shi-Yen for her initiatives.

The library used this opportunity to further enrich its collection and also that of other fisheries libraries in developing countries. The duplicates were distributed to libraries of WorldFish Center outreach site in Bangladesh, the Philippines, Vietnam, Egypt, Malawi, New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands; outreach sites partners; Fishery Research Institute of Malaysia; Central Institute of Fisheries Education, India; Cambodian Department of Fisheries; Fisheries Research Institutes in Indonesia; and Aquaculture Research Institutes in Vietnam. The libraries acknowledged the receipts and were most grateful for the book donations.