

WORLD FISH SCIENCE WEEK

DAILY NEWS

Welcome to WorldFish Science Week 2011

This WorldFish Science Week is a key event for the Center. It's a unique opportunity to come together to celebrate, share and learn more about what we do and what we will be doing in the future.

This is an especially auspicious time given that we've had Board approval of the updated Strategy and the CGIAR Research Programs – 1.3 and 3.7, have been approved by the Fund Council. This paves the way for us to better pursue our mission and step up a gear to help make development happen.

The Science Week Program provides space for important conversations that will help us deliver better science. Having partners here to work with us is a real advantage and reflects our intent to work in a more integrated way with our partners.

The week is about science but it's also about strengthening our networks and having fun. I look forward to the diverse conversations, animated exchanges of views and camaraderie as we build WorldFish's future together.

Welcome to Science Week everybody!

Steve

Daily Science Forum

As an additional part of the program, each day of the Science Week will conclude with short, sharp presentations given by our peers on different aspects of their work. This space has been set aside so that we can all learn from each other and broaden our understanding of each other's work.

The Science Forum will be held each afternoon in the Auditorium. See the agenda for starting and finishing times. All HQ staff and participants are welcome to join.

Breaking the Ice

With a great view over Penang, participants enjoyed cool drinks and snacks on Sunday night.

The "ice breaker" at the Gurney Resort Hotel was the first official session of Science Week. In a warm and friendly setting, staff from Zambia and Egypt joined with staff from Cambodia and the Philippines to catch up with the HQ colleagues.

Science Advisory Committee members were able to mix with the WorldFish staff and representatives from sister CGIAR centers and CRP 1.3 partners also added to a lively kick off for the week



Eddie and Alan catching up

Workshops

There will be a series of plenary workshops to allow scientists to discuss a number of key themes in more detail, and get exposure to some of the thinking that has gone into addressing these in the CRPs. Workshop themes are:

1. Research in Development (Tuesday)
2. Gender (Wednesday)
3. Partnerships, Knowledge Sharing and Learning (Thursday)
4. Monitoring, Evaluation & Impact Assessment (Friday)
5. Value Chains (Friday)

WorldFish Science Week Page 2

Monday's Science Forum

- Eric Baran: *Fisheries and dam development in the Mekong Basin*
- Yumiko Kura: *CPWF Mekong Basin Development Challenge – Optimizing Water Management in Reservoirs*
- Md Golam Mostafa: *Integrated Protected Area Co-management and CBM in Sunamganj, Bangladesh*
- Len Garces: *Management Effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas in the Philippines*
- Dave Mills: *Reversing effort stampede in Ghana's coastal fisheries*
- Anne-Maree Schwarz: *Community based management of SSF in Solomon Islands*
- Joelle Albert: *Supplementary livelihood activities in rural Solomon communities.*
- Firoz Khan: *A synopsis of fisheries research support project (FRSP) and key findings of livelihood impact monitoring*

Reminders

- Participants, please sign up for the Science Week dinner indicating your meal preference. Beer and soft drinks are included. You're welcome to bring your own, non-duty free wine (Science Week takes care of the corkage!)
- An all staff photo will be taken during the morning coffee break (10.00am). Location: Bridge over the fish pond
- A desk has been set up in the lobby for those participants collecting their per diems on Monday and Tuesday.
- Watch out for WorldFish TV in the cafeteria at lunch time starting on Tuesday.
- For the presenters, please contact Daniel (ext 258) with a copy of your presentation and he'll make sure it is loaded on the Auditorium computer.

Monday's Highlights

08.30 Opening Session (Auditorium)

Clarifying the week's objectives and an overview of the WorldFish Strategic Objectives and how they relate to the CRPs.

11.00-12.30 & 13.30-15.45 Writeshops

1. **Aquatic Agricultural Systems** – BLOCK A Perch
2. **Strengthening aquatic resource governance** – BLOCK A Guppy
3. **Impact & outcomes of research & development** – BLOCK B Pari
4. **Gender** – BLOCK G/H FUGU
5. **Climate change and aquatic system** – BLOCK A Anchovy
6. **Resilience and its application in AAS** – BLOCK A Grouper
7. **Fish, food and nutrition: implications of the growth of aquaculture** – BLOCK E/F Eel
8. **Genetic improvement in aquaculture** – BLOCK G/H Genetics Laboratory
9. **Aquaculture and business** – BOARD Room

16.00-17.30 Science Forum

Coffee Breaks

Today morning and afternoon coffee breaks will be at the Fish Pond Terrace (outside the Auditorium)

Lunch Break

Lunch will be served in the cafeteria

Upcoming Events

Science Week Dinner at E&O Hotel, Georgetown

Tuesday, 19 July

Plenary Workshop 1: Research in Development

Tuesday, 19 July

Sports Event at WorldFish

Wednesday, July 20