

WORLD FISH SCIENCE WEEK

DAILY NEWS

Some of the numbers...

- 102 billion** the value (in US \$) of the world exports of fish and fishery products in 2008
- 3 billion** people who obtain at least 15% of the average animal protein intake from fish
- 700 million** the number of people that depend on aquatic agricultural systems
- 15 million** the number of poor and vulnerable people that the Aquatic Agricultural Systems Program (CRP 1.3) will reach in the next 6 years
- 4 million** the number of aquaculture ponds in Bangladesh
- 400,000** hectares of ponds in Bangladesh
- 44,000** farmers that directly benefited from the Development of Sustainable Aquaculture Project in Bangladesh
- 2,200** years since the integration of aquatic plants and fish farming began
- 800** CARE supported projects in 2009 (in 72 countries and reaching out to more than 59 million people)
- 90** countries where Catholic Relief Services has an office
- 57** percent of Cambodian women in the labour force engaged in small scale fisheries
- 17** kg of fish consumed per person in 2008 (average)
- 6** the number of themes in the Aquatic Agricultural Systems Program (CRP 1.3)

Sources: FAO, Project Proposal for CRP1.3, WorldFish Science Forum presentations

A final message from Steve

I reflect back to my welcome message to you all about Science Week. About how the week was about science but also about fun. How I was looking forward to diverse conversations, animated exchanges of views and camaraderie.

And I haven't been disappointed. In fact I'm greatly impressed by the spirit of collegiality and genuine sharing of views, opinions and ideas. The buzz has been tremendous and to me is a clear indication that some important conversations are taking place.

I should also add that I am very impressed by the discipline all our Science Forum presenters have shown. I'm not sure whether the threat of whistles and vuvuzelas were the reason – but the short, sharp and informed presentations have been warmly appreciated – except perhaps from those desperate to try a vuvuzela!

Finally I'm delighted by the level of energy that you have all sustained. We knew going into this week that it was a packed program and we hoped that we had the right mix of activities to keep people energized. But it was still a gamble whether we would get everybody through the week and still feeling enthusiastic by Friday. A special 'hats off' to those who battled jetlag and still managed to provide so much input.

We'll be seeking feedback from all of you at the Friday afternoon wrap up and I promise that your comments will be taken on board as we try and improve such events in future. Bringing everyone together is expensive, both in financial terms, but also of your time so it is important that we try and make the most of the opportunity. From what I have seen this year though, I'm confident that events such as this remain one of the best ways for us to celebrate, share and learn.

Thanks to our partners for wholeheartedly joining in; thanks to the Science Advisory Committee for their valuable insights; thanks to those who were part of the planning and organizing and very importantly thanks to all of you for participating.

Till next time and safe travels for all of you who are leaving Penang....Steve

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Friday's Science Forum

- Raul Ponzoni: *Genetics - introduction*
- Hooi Ling: *Situation at the farm level and what to do about it*
- Nguyen: *Selection and mating decisions*
- Nabil: *What happened at Abbassa after a few generations?*
- Khairul and Hoong Yip: *What about multiplication and dissemination of improved strains?*
- Curtis: *Managing the risks associated with improved strains*
- Raul Ponzoni: *Genetics - close*

Did we have fun?



Thank You!

In this last issue of the 2011 WorldFish Science Week Daily News I extend my thanks to the team in Communications – Florine, Jeevan, Jocilla, Sylvie and our guest interviewer Mary, in preparing the communication material for Science Week, organizing and editing the interviews and photo montages for WorldFish TV (lunch time screenings), and making the library a welcome space for all to visit, rest or chat.

Friday's Highlights

- 08.30 Opening Plenary (Auditorium)**
Gathering and taking stock.
- 09.00 Plenary Workshop 4 (Auditorium)**
Value Chains
- 11.00 Plenary Workshop 5 (Tilapia)**
Monitoring and Evaluation and Impact Assessment
- 14.00 Science Forum (Auditorium)**
- 15.15 Wrap up and Closing (Auditorium)**
- 16.15-17.15**
Farewell Drinks

Reminders

- Friday morning's session will start in the Auditorium (not J Block) at 08.30
- **Last Chance This Week:** WorldFish T-shirts still on sale this morning during the coffee break (J Block).
- The Science Forum will start at 14.00 today

Looking for a copy of the presentations?

Participants will be able to get a hold of the fascinating and informative presentations made during Science Week. These will be available on the WorldFish SlideShare site as of Wednesday 27 July.

<http://www.slideshare.net/worldfishcenter/>

For the presenters: By default the presentations are all open access however, if you feel that you'd like to have restricted access to your presentation please let Fiona or Jeevan know and we can arrange that these are only available to those who are sent the URL address.