

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Course on Alternative Approaches to Fisheries Management*  
7 October - 22 November 2002

The training course focuses on the management of the exploitation of wild aquatic resources, especially the fish, shrimp and shellfish stocks found in lakes, reservoirs, rivers, coastal areas and the sea. One of the primary tasks of fisheries management is to balance the pressure resulting from exploitation on the fish stocks and on other components of the aquatic ecosystem with the limited capacity of the natural populations to compensate for the losses caused by capture. Information about the fish and the fisheries is crucial for management.

Aquatic resources are largely invisible and this makes the use of indirect methods and complicated scientific models to assess the size and nature of the fish population necessary. The information needs for resource management, various methods to collect information from stakeholders and the quality of various types and sources of information are important topics in this training course.

Experience has shown that centrally made regulations and plans to manage fisheries can only seldom be successfully implemented and enforced at the lowest levels, especially in countries with a large fisheries sector and limited budgets for fisheries. Decentralisation and a greater role for the resource users in design, implementation and enforcement are often recommended as a way forward.

The course assesses the characteristics of various approaches to management and links their success or failure to the characteristics of the fisheries and of stakeholders. The conditions for successful involvement of resource users in fisheries management (co-management) are studied. The consequences of choosing a co-management approach and the steps that can be taken when a more participatory way of management is opted for will be highlighted.

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### Seafarming – Today and Tomorrow

*16 -19 October 2002*  
*Stazione Marittima Congress Centre,*  
*Trieste, Italy*  
*Organised by the European Aquaculture Society (EAS)*

The Aquaculture Europe 2002 Conference, *Seafarming - Today and Tomorrow* organised by the European Aquaculture Society (EAS) will be addressing the central theme of the present status and future possibilities of marine fish farming. The aquaculture sector, while significantly contributing to satisfying increasing demands for seafood products, is also leading to sociological, economic, environmental and legal changes in many rural and coastal areas. While opportunities for continued development of aquaculture are still notable,

pressures for environmental protection, for food safety and reliability and for competitive marketing of aquaculture produce are also growing.

This European and international conference will bring scientists together from all Member States and as many as 40 countries in total to address the key issues required to promote the farming of marine species as a modern food production industry.

The meeting will focus on the above objectives, taking “*thematic overviews*” of new perspectives on marine fish farming. Specific themes introduced during the plenary morning sessions will serve as an introduction for deeper consideration during the parallel sessions covering the following topics:

- Technologies for sustainable

aquaculture; • Adapting to changing markets; • Interactions with the environment; • Policies; • Resource management; • New species, and • Product quality, safety and public image.

The conference format of plenary thematic morning sessions, concurrent technical sessions and a poster session will not differ from those Aquaculture Europe events organised annually by EAS, which has, since 1976, provided an internationally recognised forum for those interested in the latest findings.

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*7th World Tuna Conference*  
*Kuala Lumpur*  
*30 May - 1 June 2002*

The Conference and Exhibition has

been pushed forward by one day. The new dates for Tuna 2002 are 30 May - 1 June 2002 at JW Marriott Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. For more information, contact INFOFISH, PO Box 10899, 50728

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