



Update

Electronic Newsletter for AquaNet Members
October 15, 2002

Important Dates

November 1, 2002

Deadline for 2003 - 2006 Proposals

November 25, 2002

Board of Directors Meeting, Vancouver, BC

Announcements

Administrative Centre

Welcome to the latest issue of **Update**. This newsletter is the main internal communications avenue for AquaNet members. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. Submissions / questions can be sent to info@aquanet.ca

2003 - 2006 Call for Research Proposals

There was a strong response from the recent Call for Proposals.

AquaNet received 114 Letters of Intent (LOIs). Each LOI was reviewed by the Research Management Committee (RMC). The RMC recommended that 65 LOIs proceed to the full proposal stage. The deadline for submission of full proposals is **November 1, 2002**.

Mid-Term Review

The Mid-Term Review of AquaNet was held in Halifax, NS, October 7, 2002. Ten representatives from AquaNet, two from NCE and a panel of six reviewers were present for the review. AquaNet representatives were:

Timothy Fleming, Chair of the Board of Directors
William Driedzic, Scientific Director
Axel Meisen, AquaNet Board of Director and President of Memorial University (Host Institution)
David Rideout, AquaNet Board of Director and Executive Director of the Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance
Joseph Brown, Theme Leader
Maira Ferguson, Theme Leader
Scott McKinley, Theme Leader
Jean-Paul Vanderlinden, Theme Leader
Joan Atkinson, Network Manager
Melissa Struthers, Education Officer

A response is expected from NCE in early to mid December 2002.

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AquaNet II Annual Research Conference

AquaNet II was a great success. Over 220 national and international delegates from the aquaculture sector participated in AquaNet II and the poster display consisted of almost 85 posters highlighting AquaNet research.

Conference evaluation forms may be faxed to 709-737-3500. You may request an evaluation form by emailing info@aquanet.ca

2002 AquaNet Annual General Meeting

AquaNet welcomes three new Board members:

Mr. Clifford Atleo, First Nations Representative

Mr. John Taylor, Stolt Sea Farm Americas

Dr. Rosemary Ommer, Director of Special Projects, University of Victoria and Director of *Coasts Under Stress*

From the mail-in vote, Dr. Tillmann Benfey has been re-elected to serve as the Network Investigator representative on the Board until the 2003 AGM. Congratulations!

Appointments by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors appointed a new Social and Economic Aspects Theme Leader, Dr. Jean-Paul Vanderlinden. Dr. Vanderlinden is with the Environmental Studies Programme at the Université de Moncton.

Dr. Keith Culver has been newly appointed to the RMC. Dr. Culver is the Director of the Centre for Social Innovation Research at the University of New Brunswick.

An election of Board members took place at the annual general meeting held during AquaNet II. In addition, sub-committees of the Board were established for 2002-03. For a complete lists of Board of Directors and Committee members, please go to the *Contacts* section of the AquaNet website.

<http://www.aquanet.ca/contactschoice.html>

Thank-you!!!

AquaNet would like to thank the following individuals for their service and contributions to AquaNet:

Dr. Ralph Matthews, out-going Social and Economic Aspects Theme Leader

Mr. Johann van Rensburg and Dr. William Reimer, out-going Board members

Dr. Jay Parsons, out-going Chair of the Education Committee

Dr. Michael Burt, Prof. Brian Elliott, Dr. Larry Hammell, Dr. George Iwama, Dr. Bill Pennell and Ms. Joanne Harding, out-going Education Committee members

AquaNet II - Poster Award Winners

Thank-you to all poster presenters and judges, and congratulations again to the award winners. The 2002 AquaNet II poster award winners are listed below. For poster abstracts, please visit the AquaNet II *Highlights* section of our website:

aquanet.ca/conference/aquanet2/highlights.html

Industry Partnership Award

First Place: Lisa Milke, Dalhousie University

Runner-Up: Adrian Chin, University of Guelph

Runner-Up: Shannon Balfry, The University of British Columbia

Honourable Mention: TerraLynn Lander, University of New Brunswick

Honourable Mention: Jayen Veerapen, University of New Brunswick

Animal Production Award

First Place: Harry Murray, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Runner-Up: Julie Parks, University of Waterloo

Honourable Mention: Makoto Matsuoka, University of New Brunswick

Environmental Integrity Award

First Place: Laura Weir, Dalhousie University
Runner-Up: Pål-Arne Bjørn, The University of British Columbia

Honourable Mention: Joy Stacey, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Socio-Economic Aspects Award

First Place: Chantelle Richmond, McMaster University
Runner-Up: Patricia Keen, The University of British Columbia

Honourable Mention: David McCallum, Malaspina University College

Graduate Student / PDF Aquaculture Cross-Theme Problem-Solving Workshop

Over 50 graduate students and PDFs participated in this workshop. The AquaNet II Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Barry Costa-Pierce, introduced the problem-solving section of the workshop. Dr. Costa-Pierce along with members of the Education Committee helped to facilitate discussions. Given the success of this workshop, AquaNet will endeavour to conduct similar workshops in the future in conjunction with the annual AquaNet research conferences.

AquaNet III Annual Research Conference

The Board of Directors has confirmed that the third Annual Research Conference will be held on October 22-25, 2003 in Vancouver, BC at the Hyatt Regency.

The conference schedule, sponsorship opportunities, registration forms and other details will be posted in due course on the AquaNet website.

Education Committee News

CAIA-AquaNet Aquaculture Career and Training Directory

The Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance (CAIA) and AquaNet announced the launch of the web-based Aquaculture Career and Training Directory during the AquaNet annual research conference.

The Aquaculture Career and Training Directory is a comprehensive, electronically searchable directory of educational-based career and training opportunities in aquaculture technology, research and development, business and business management, and environmental and social sciences currently offered within post-secondary institutions in Canada.

To view the directory, please visit

<http://www.aquaculture.ca/Search/>

AquaNet Sponsored Workshops

Upcoming

1. The **Canadian Wildlife Service** will deliver an *Interactions between Sea Ducks and Aquaculture* workshop November 7, 2002 in Victoria, BC. To register, or for further information please contact the workshop organiser, Greg Robertson: tel: 709-772-2778; e-mail Greg.Robertson@ec.gc.ca. Full program details available at:

<http://www.sfu.ca/~seaducks/>

2. The **Canadian Aquaculture Institute** will deliver a *Better Fish Health with Water Recirculation* workshop December 2-3, 2002 in Fredericton, NB. To register, or for further information please contact the workshop organiser, Kelly Cantelo: tel: 902-628-4335; e-mail kcantelo@upei.ca. Full program details available at:

<http://www.upei.ca/~cai/betterfish.htm>

Delivered

1. Approximately 45 people attended the *Introductory Vaccination Workshop for Salmonid Culture* organized by the Canadian Aquaculture Institute.
2. Approximately 20 people attended the *Basic Introduction to Recirculation in Aquaculture* workshop organized by the Canadian Aquaculture Institute.
3. Approximately 65 people attended the *Salmonid Culture: The Role of Stress and Stress Management in Fish Husbandry* workshop organized by the Canadian Aquaculture Institute and Malaspina University College.

Travel Scholarships

AquaNet Sponsored Workshops

Mark Dionne and TerraLynn Lander, University of New Brunswick, have received travel awards to attend the Interactions Between Sea Ducks and Aquaculture workshop in Victoria, BC, November 7, 2002.

Research Communication and Media

Attendees of AquaNet II may have noticed the increased media presence at the conference, which resulted in two TV stories, two radio reports, and newspaper and trade press articles. This is part of an overall strategy to increase media awareness of AquaNet and the research it supports in partnership with industry and government affiliates. Your work and willingness to promote your research and accomplishments is key to successfully carrying out this plan. We encourage you to promote your research results and significant milestones to the public. On behalf of AquaNet, Uschi Koeberling from UBC's Centre for Aquaculture and the Environment will be approaching the public affairs departments in your respective institutions to raise their awareness of AquaNet and AquaNet-sponsored research.

If you are at a stage in your research where you feel ready to reach out to media, we would like to hear from you so that we can facilitate working with

your public affairs departments to get the message out effectively. We envision you as active participants in a network of experts who are able to respond to questions of public interest. AquaNet can be as actively engaged in this process as you like. At a minimum, we ask that you let us know if you are issuing news releases or speaking to media about AquaNet-funded research so that we are able to track our success stories. In dealing with media, it is very important that you acknowledge AquaNet's sponsorship of your research. Strong and positive media awareness will help increase public understanding of the need for continuing public investment in aquaculture research.

If you have any questions or would like to get your story out through your institution, please contact Uschi Koeberling at uschi@interchange.ubc.ca or 604-666-4452.

Also, information on acknowledgement of AquaNet's sponsorship is available in the Members Only section of the AquaNet website. Downloadable versions of the AquaNet and NCE logos are also available in this section.

<http://www.aquanet.ca/members/memack.html>
