



Update

Electronic Newsletter for AquaNet Members
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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

Organisational Changes

Several organisational changes have taken place recently at AquaNet that we would like to communicate. During the March 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors, Scott McKinley was named the Executive Scientific Director for fiscal year 2003-2004. The new title reflects his status as the scientific and the executive head of AquaNet. His immediate challenge is to lead the organization through the next critical few months as the Network develops a strategic agenda for research and education for the next three years and prepares for the mid-term review in August 2003.

A national competition for the position of Manager of Business Development, vacant since July 2002, will be launched soon. A job description is in the process of being developed and approved by the Board. Further details will be included in the May Update.

The position of Communications Officer, which was based at the AquaNet Administrative Centre at Memorial University, has been phased out. We extend warm thanks to Mike Riehl (Spike to most of us) for his hard work and his cheerful attitude. Joining the Network in 2000, he was instrumental in helping the Network Administrative Centre get established. We wish him all good things for the future.

We are pleased to officially welcome Uschi Koebberling in the capacity of Manager of Communications. Most of you already know Uschi from her work as a consultant with AquaNet during the last year. Based at the Centre for Aquaculture and the Environment (CAE) at UBC, Dr. Koebberling brings an important West Coast perspective to communications issues in aquaculture. Her most exciting challenges in the coming year are to ensure that research results from the AquaNet-funded projects are communicated as widely as possible and to help increase the profile of the Network in the aquaculture sector and the public. Dr. Koebberling will be dividing her time between AquaNet and the CAE. She can be reached at (604) 666-4452, or uschi@interchange.ubc.ca.

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Graduate Student Continuity Strategy

As most of you are aware, the Network is working on the development of an AquaNet Graduate Student Continuity Strategy for those students who may need additional financial support to complete their degrees after March 31, 2003. Melissa Struthers has contact those investigators currently supervising students to gather information on students conducting AquaNet research to evaluate graduate student stipend requirements. The data will be used in the development of a Continuity Strategy that will be recommended to the Board at its next meeting on April 24, 2003. Network investigators will be notified of the process and timelines for requesting additional student stipend support soon after that meeting.

Progress / Final Reports on AquaNet-Funded Projects

Network Investigators funded by AquaNet to March 31, 2003 will be required to submit a progress report or a final report on their projects and a request, if applicable, to retain any funds remaining in their accounts after the carry forward of 20% of their 2002-03 budget. You will be asked to describe your progress to date, the training of HQP and the expected date of completion of the project if it is still ongoing.

The submission process for these two issues - a progress/final report and a request for student stipend support - will be combined into one report. The format will be sent to investigators at the end of April with an anticipated submission deadline of mid-May. We apologize for not communicating this information sooner and ask for your patience and understanding as we move through these very challenging months ahead.

Education Initiatives

AquaNet's education and training program is currently under review. Along with the creation of a strategic research agenda for 2003-2006, the Network is developing an education and training strategy that will be integrated with and will support

the research agenda. All initiatives are being examined to ensure that they contribute to the vision and goals of AquaNet. The new education and training program will be unveiled in early May. While we anticipate that many of the initiatives funded in the past will remain in the program, there will be some exciting new initiatives for AquaNet-funded students. We have temporarily halted all education initiatives as we work to revamp the program and we ask for your patience as we complete this task.

AquaNet III

AquaNet's third annual scientific conference will be held in Vancouver. **Please note that the date has been changed to October 26-28, 2003.** The conference will be smaller and more modest than last year. The sessions will be held at the Liu Institute on the UBC campus with accommodations at the Westin Bayshore in Coal Harbour. We anticipate that we will be able to cover the cost of attendance for two persons per project for those projects finishing up in 2002-03 and one person per project for projects beginning in 2003-04. We hope to have more details on the conference available in the May Update.

Research Workshops

An important focus for AquaNet in the next few months is the planning and organization of workshops to develop research questions and calls for proposals around those issues deemed by the Board and the RMC to be critical to stakeholder confidence and the success of the aquaculture sector. Following are three broad-based topics identified for workshop development:

1. Siting in the context of integrated coastal zone management

Tentative date and location: June 16-18, 2003 in Moncton, NB

Workshop organizers: Scott McKinley, Tom Sephton, Jean-Paul Vanderlinden

Research Workshops continued

2. Sectoral efficiency/future directions for the aquaculture sector with focus on production and sustainability

Tentative date and location: June 16-18, 2003 in Moncton, NB

Workshop organizers: Joe Brown, Moira Ferguson, Jean-Paul Vanderlinden

3. Integrating Science and Policy

Tentative date and location: end of July or early August, 2003 in Vancouver, BC

Workshop organizers: Keith Culver, Yves Bastien, Brad Hicks, Jean-Paul Vanderlinden

The workshop organizers are in the process of developing these workshops. Please contact them for further information. We will keep you apprised in future Updates of further details as they become available.

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AquaNet Researchers in the News

The Atlantic Provinces Council on the Sciences (APICS) recently held its annual Atlantic Universities Aquaculture Conference (AUAC) in conjunction with the Atlantic Universities Biology Conference (AUBC). The meeting was held at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, NS, from March 7-10, 2003.

Kristin Doncaster, an AquaNet Masters student based out of Dalhousie University, won First Place at the Atlantic Universities Aquaculture Conference.

The title of Kristin's presentation was: "*The Nutritional Value of Alternate Dietary Lipid Sources for Juvenile Haddock.*"

Kristin is currently conducting graduate work under the supervision of Dr. Santosh Lall on the AquaNet project:
Nutritional strategies to improve lipid utilization in diets for commercially important Canadian finfish species.

Acknowledgement of AquaNet Funding

AquaNet researchers are reminded that those presenting research that has been funded by AquaNet, should acknowledge this in the following manner: *This research has been supported in part by funds from AquaNet, the Network of Centres of Excellence for Aquaculture.*

This text along with suitable logos can be found in the members section of the website:

www.aquanet.ca/members/memack.html

Résumés Available and Research Positions

AquaNet has received many résumés from students from across Canada and internationally who are interested in beginning graduate or post-doctoral work through AquaNet. Any researcher interested in receiving a copy of the resumes, or who would like further information, is asked to contact Melissa Struthers (e-mail: mstruthers@mun.ca; tel: 709-737-8093).

Those interested in posting a résumé, curriculum vitae or employment opportunity are asked to contact Melissa Struthers, Education Officer (mstruthers@mun.ca).

Conference Announcements

Environmental Studies Association of Canada Annual Meeting

June 1, 2003
Halifax, Nova Scotia

On Sunday June 1, Social and Economics Theme Leader Dr. Jean-Paul Vanderlinden will be chairing a theme session at the Environmental Studies Association of Canada annual meeting where 7 AquaNet SEA scientists will present their results. The title of the session is "Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries: Research on the Socio-economic Aspects of Aquaculture and its Potential Contribution to the Analysis of the Sustainable Development of Aquaculture in Canada".

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Association Francophone pour le Savoir (ACFAS) Annual Meeting

May 23, 2003
Rimouski, QC

On May 23, SEA-10 Network Investigator, Dr. Jean-Claude Brethes will be chairing a workshop which is being held during the Association Francophone pour le Savoir annual meeting. The title of the workshop is "Territorialité espace et droits d'usage dans le domaine marin (colloque/atelier)". All members of the SEA-10 project will present their results as well as selected international and national speakers.

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