



DISEASES IN ASIAN AQUACULTURE

Diseases in Asian Aquaculture (DAA) is a symposium held by the Fish Health Section of AFS and is the second conference series started by the Society. Since the first successful symposium held in Indonesia in 1990, there has been eight other symposia. The coming symposium DAA9, is due to be held in Vietnam from 24th to 28th November 2014.

The Fish Health Section of the Asian Fisheries Society (AFS-FHS) was founded in May 1989 by a group of AFS members interested in promoting interaction between like-minded members of the Society who were keen to share their knowledge and experience with the goal to improve regional knowledge on fish health management and to support sustainable aquaculture development in the Asia Pacific (AP) region. The section elects and appoints a Chairperson who is responsible for running the AFS-FHS on a triennial basis. The Chair for the 2011-2014 term is Dr C.V. Mohan who is a senior scientist based at the WorldFish Centre in Penang, Malaysia.

To successfully achieve its objectives, the AFS-FHS initiated the hosting of the triennial series on “**Symposium on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture**” (DAA) where members, aquatic animal health professionals and interested stakeholders meet to discuss broad issues and specific topics related to aquatic animal health. Like the AFAF, the DAA symposium is held on a rotational triennial basis among AFS member countries in the AP.

AFS-FHS is one of the most active and successful sections of the AFS. Since its formation, the Section has successfully held 8 DAA:

- DAA1 - Bali, Indonesia (1990);
- DAA2 - Phuket, Thailand (1993);
- DAA3 - Bangkok, Thailand (1996);
- DAA4 - Cebu, The Philippines (1999);
- DAA5 - Gold Coast, Australia (2002);
- DAA6 - Colombo, Sri Lanka (2005);
- DAA7 - Taipei, Taiwan (2008) and
- DAA8 - Mangalore, India (2011).

Each of the above symposia attracted about 300 aquatic animal health researchers, students, government agencies, researchers and industry stakeholders from a large number of countries to discuss issues pertaining to aquatic animal disease, their diagnosis, prevention and control.

For more information on the FHS and its coming symposium, please visit its website given below.

The AFS-FHS maintains its own website and manages its DAA symposium. AFS members and readers who are keen to find out more about the section, its symposia and publications/activities should visit The Fish Health website <http://www.fhs-afs.net>
