



Student Matters Newsletter



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An update from the U.S. Aquaculture Society's Student Activities Committee
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lottery, roommate finder service, paid work opportunities, and much more. Student seminars planned include the Annual Career Seminar and Women in Aquaculture Seminar.

Student Registration Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- U.S. \$155 if paid by January 15, 2009- U.S. \$215 if paid after January 15, 2009
To register, visit the World Aquaculture Society's website (www.was.org) and click on the Aquaculture America 2009 link.

Conference registration includes: admission to all sessions, seminars, and the trade show; conference abstracts and trade show directory; admission to President's Reception, and refreshment breaks.

Discounted Student Rooms & Roommate Services

Student members of USAS may apply for the Discounted Room Service and choose with whom they share discounted rooms, making it more comfortable for everyone involved. Students can also request to be paired with someone new from another institution, a great way to meet new colleagues and friends! Up to four people per room may be assigned.

Discounted rooms are available for \$156 per night plus tax. Rooms are located at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel adjacent to the Convention Center. Reservations and final assignment of roommates will be coordinated by the Student Room Coordinator. Space will be reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

To apply for the discounted student rooms, contact Mr. Charles Brown, the Student Room Coordinator



Aquaculture America 2009
February 15-18, 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the
U.S. Aquaculture Society

General Information

Aquaculture America 2009 (AA 09) will be held at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, Washington. The meeting will be held February 15-18, 2009.

The U.S. Aquaculture Society will put together an extensive technical program featuring special sessions, contributed papers and workshops on all of the species and issues facing aquaculturists around the country and throughout the world.

Special student opportunities and events planned for AA 09 include an orientation meeting, student reception complete with aquaculture quiz bowl, door prizes, free room

(charles.brown.a@gmail.com). Applications must be received by January 3, 2008.

CAUTION: It will be up to the students to make payment arrangements after they have received contact information on their roommate(s) and reservation confirmations from the coordinator. This includes any additional costs incurred during the stay in the room such as hotel taxes, phone call charges, internet service, etc. Please discuss how this will work with your roommates and be sure everyone is aware of the payment arrangements.

Free Room Lottery

The USAS Executive Committee has generously offered support for two hotel rooms to be distributed to eight individuals. The USAS-SAC will host a lottery drawing for individuals interested in competing for a free room. To apply for the free room lottery, contact Ms. Heidi Lewis, Complimentary Room Coordinator (hal7e7@siu.edu). The deadline for application is January 3, 2008, and applicants must be members of USAS.

Conference Orientation

A brief, informal orientation session will be held on February 15 to introduce students to opportunities, programs, and seminars scheduled for Aquaculture America. All students are encouraged to attend to learn more about the U.S. Aquaculture Society's Student Activities Committee and our growing number of Student Subunits.

Student Packets

Information packets will be distributed to all students attending AA 09. Student packets will contain the dates, times, and locations of all student activities. The packets will also contain tickets to the student reception. Be sure to get your packet from the registration desk when you check in at the conference and carry it with you throughout the meeting. You don't want to miss any of the exciting student events scheduled!

Student Seminars and Workshops

The Annual Student Career Seminar is being organized by Mr. Andrew Ray (raya@dnr.sc.gov). The seminar will focus on careers in different sectors of aquaculture including private, not-for-profit, government, academia, and extension.

The Women in Aquaculture Seminar is being organized by Ms. Karolina Kwasek (kakwasek@yahoo.pl). A number of outstanding speakers have been invited to discuss the opportunities and challenges of working in aquaculture.

Student Reception and Quiz Bowl

The student reception is definitely an event no student should miss. Students will have the opportunity to meet aquaculture professionals from around the globe, while enjoying free food and beverages. Other highlights of the reception include distribution of student awards and door prizes.

During the student reception, students will have the opportunity to compete in the 4th Annual Student Quiz Bowl. Students will compete in small groups with other student groups during a Jeopardy-style aquaculture tournament, answering questions about all aspects of aquaculture. The top-scoring teams will receive prizes for their outstanding accomplishments. This year's quiz bowl is being organized and hosted by Ms. Heidi Lewis (hal7e7@siu.edu) and the students of the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale – USAS Student Sub-unit.

Student Awards

The USAS Student Awards Committee is currently reviewing the many outstanding student abstracts submitted for AA 09. Winners of the student abstract awards will each receive free registration and a \$200 travel award. Additional awards to be offered during the conference include the USAS best student oral and poster presentations.

Scholarship

The M.P. Mulvihill Aquaculture Student Scholarship was placed in memory of Michael Mulvihill and his lifelong contributions to the aquaculture industry. A deserving aquaculture student will receive the \$1,500 scholarship to support their travel to conferences and further their education. Application details and eligibility requirements are available online (www.was.org/USAS-SAC/mulvihill.htm). Application deadline is November 15, 2008.

\$PAID\$ Student Work Opportunities

If you are interested in earning some extra **\$cash\$** to help offset your conference expenses, we are looking for students to work during the meeting. Students are needed to help with registration, stuff conference bags, and work in the information booths. What a great way to meet people in the aquaculture industry and earn money at the meeting! Sign-up NOW, as these jobs will go fast!

To sign-up for student work, contact Mr. Noel Novelo, the Student Worker Coordinator (nnovelo@agcenter.lsu.edu).

Student Membership

Students are encouraged to join the U.S. Aquaculture Society and our parent organization, the World Aquaculture Society. Membership dues for the U.S. Aquaculture Society are \$5. Membership dues for the World Aquaculture Society are \$40 with electronic journal subscription or \$60 with print journal subscription. To qualify for student membership, a copy of a current student ID is required.

Questions or Comments:

Please visit the U.S. Aquaculture Society's Student Activities Committee website at: www.was.org/USAS-SAC/studenthome.htm

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