

9th Symposium on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture (DAA9): Advance Circular

24-28 November 2014

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with some advance information about your favorite triennial event “**Diseases in Asian Aquaculture**” in November 2014.

2. Background:

The Fish Health Section (FHS) of the Asian Fisheries Society (AFS) is very pleased to announce the 9th Symposium on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture (DAA9) in **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from 24-28 November 2014**.

The Fish Health Section of the Asian Fisheries Society was founded in May 1989. The FHS is credited with holding triennial symposia on “**Diseases in Asian Aquaculture**” (DAA) where members and aquatic animal health professionals meet to discuss broad issues and specific topics related to aquatic animal health in Asian Aquaculture.

FHS has conducted earlier symposia in

- 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)
- DAA8-Mangalore, India (2011)

Each of these symposia brought together more than 300 aquatic animal health scientists, students, government researchers and industry personnel from over 30-40 countries. In keeping with the unique tradition of previous DAA symposia, DAA9 in Vietnam is going to be a unique experience that you don't want to miss.

3. Local Organizers

The Department of Animal Health (DAH) coming under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) will be our local host and will organize the event in close cooperation with FHS (AFS). To this effect, a MOU has been signed between FHS (AFS) and DAH (MARD) on 18 March 2013. The DAH will host the event in HCM City at a suitable location to be identified soon. The DAH has already formed a LOC and is likely to launch the official DAA9 website soon for handling registrations, hotel bookings, abstract submissions and other logistics.

4. Co-Sponsor

Japanese Society of Fish Pathology (JSFP) has come forward to be a co-sponsor of DAA9

5. Registration Details

A. FHS (AFS) Regular Members

Early Registration: 300 USD (From 1st April-31st July 2014)

Late Registration: 350 USD (1st Aug to 24th Nov 2014)

B. FHS (AFS) Student Members

Early Registration: 200 USD (From 1st April-31st July 2014)

Late Registration: 250 USD (1st Aug to 24th Nov 2014)

C. Non-Members

Early Registration: 350 USD (From 1st April-31st July 2014)

Late Registration: 400 USD (1st Aug to 24th Nov 2014)

D. Vietnamese Nationals

Early Registration: 200 USD (From 1st April-31st July 2014)

Late Registration: 250 USD (1st Aug to 24th Nov 2014)

E. Vietnamese Students

Early Registration: 150 USD (From 1st April-31st July 2014)

Late Registration: 200 USD (1st Aug to 24th Nov 2014)

6. Submission of Abstracts

Online submission of abstracts will be open from 1st April to 31st August 2014. Guidelines and template will be provided in the website for online submission

7. DAA9 Proceedings

JSFP has agreed in principle to publish up to 30 papers presented at the DAA9 as a special on-line issue of Fish Pathology journal. Acceptance is subject to meeting the peer review process of the Fish Pathology Journal. Those of you who are considering to publish your presentations, kindly prepare the manuscripts as per the requirement of Fish Pathology journal. Full papers must be submitted before 24th Nov 2014. Submission details and guidelines will be provided.

8. Student Travel Awards

FHS awards up to 10 student travel awards to qualified post graduate and PhD students to present their work at DAA9. Selected students will be exempt from registration fee and provided with opportunity to make an oral presentation. Interested students must submit their abstract and full paper as per stipulated guidelines to the student award committee before the deadline of 31st Aug 2014. The decision of the student award committee is final.

9. Sponsorship

Past DAA events have been sponsored and supported by international and regional organizations, private international and national companies that are interested in promoting the concept of improved bio-security and better aquatic animal health management. Organizations and companies interested in sponsoring and supporting the DAA9 event in Vietnam are welcome to contact the organizers for further details about sponsorship modalities

9. Venue and Hotels

Information about venue and hotels for accommodation in HCM City will be provided in DAA9 website to be launched soon.

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Please look out for new information on DAA9 and FHS (AFS) on our website <http://www.fhs-afs.net>