

## **Message from the President, Asian Fisheries Society**

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Congratulations to the AFS Fish Health Section for coming out with this Proceedings of its 7<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Diseases in Asian Aquaculture. The Society is always proud of your accomplishments, one of which is best demonstrated in your consistent ability to bring together, on an international scale, your members and colleagues to the regular triennial Symposium that has marked your dynamic existence since 1989. This seventh symposium held in Taipei, Taiwan on 22-26 June 2008 congregated over 300 participants representing 31 countries. The AFS council members were among those who witnessed some of the sessions, as a Council meeting was held immediately prior to your event also in Taipei.

Your theme “Communication, Cooperation and Coordination: Key Issues in Aquatic Animal Health Management” recognizes and promotes a new level of engagement among international biologists, pathologists, breeders, fisheries scientists and policy makers. It emphasizes not only the innovations and pioneering edge fostered by these scientists in aquatic disease, but also the responsibility to interact, exchange and share these intellectual and technological tools and products. Asia has the greatest drive to continually develop new technology and regimen to manage fish health because it is the leading aquaculture producing region in the world. By sharing Asia’s scientific advances as well as problems through symposia such as this, synergy is created among scientists and other stakeholders from different countries, to enable them to collectively make a difference in addressing the constant challenges in the aquaculture industry.

The Proceedings will be a valuable resource that captures and preserves the knowledge shared during the Seventh DAA Symposium and will extend its reach to those who were not there. Furthermore, this publication of the Fish Health Section enhances the AFS as an organization and provides a model for other sections and branches. On behalf of AFS and its governing Council, I express our congratulations for your achievement and our wishes for your continued success!

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