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isheries sector plays a very important role in the economics, social and nutritional well being of people in the Asian countries, which often figures as an important component in rural development and poverty alleviation.

In India, the sector has been recognized as a powerful income and employment generator to over 14 million fishers and farmers. The sector offers cheap and quality animal protein to the people ensuring nutritional security. With a value of fisheries export of about Rs.30,000 crores, the fisheries sector plays a major role in stimulating and strengthening the economic growth of the nation. The Government policies are also attuned towards ushering 'Blue Revolution' (Neel Kranti) by sustainable utilization of fisheries wealth of the country for improving the lives and livelihoods of fishers and their families. However, several issues such as overfishing, stagnation of marine fish production, impact of climate change, disease in aquaculture and quality of sea food and trade related issues have emerged in recent years. All these, call for an integrated strategic planning at the national level to take stock of our achievements, capabilities, challenges as well as opportunities.

The Asian Fisheries Society – Indian Branch (AFSIB) (Regd. No. 41/87-88) since its inception in 1986, has been providing a platform for discussion at the national level on issues related to research, development, education and policies by organizing Indian Fisheries & Aquaculture Forum (IFAF) every three years in different parts of the country. The 11th Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (11th IFAF) will be hosted by the ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (ICAR-CIFT), at Cochin, Kerala during 21-24 November, 2017. It would provide a comprehensive outlook for the Fisheries and Aquaculture sectors, for achieving greater synergy among the stakeholders and planning strategies for capture fisheries and aquafarming to build higher levels of sustainability and profitability in line with Blue Growth Initiative.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide a scientific platform to deliberate on the current research outputs and identify the research and development needs of the sector
- Nurture innovation skills to address issues of sustainability and safety of fish.
- Encourage scientists to think, develop and undertake need-based research to address core issues affecting fisheries sector
- To review the research developments in fisheries science and develop strategies for transfer and refinement of these technologies.
 - 1. Fisheries Resources: Genetics, Biodiversity and Management
 - 2. Fishing Systems for Sustainable Fisheries
- 3. Fishery Biology, Toxicology and Environment
- 4. Aquaculture production
- 5. Aquatic Animal Health Management
- 6. Adding Value to Fish: Avenues in Fish Biochemistry & Processing
- 7. Safe Fish: Quality, Risk Assessment and Regulations
- 8. Fishomics and Frontier Sciences for Blue Bio-economy
- 9. Socio-Economics, Gender, Capacity Building and Livelihood
- 10. Fisheries Trade, Policy and Governance

The authors of the accepted research papers can present their papers in oral/poster sessions during the forum. The details of oral/poster sessions will be updated in the website: www.11ifaf.in.



TECHNICAL SESSIONS

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD SAFETY ISSUES is scheduled to be held during the forum on 22 November 2017.

SEAFOOD PROCESSORS CONCLAVE

An interaction of the fishers, aquafarmers, entrepreneurs, scientists, policy makers and other stake holders will be organized during the forum to get feedback on the emerging policy issues and for reprisal of the concerns of the stakeholders in the industry.

REGISTRATIONS

	Early bird REGISTRATION	Late / spot REGISTRATION
Members of AFS/AFSIB	US \$ 250	US \$ 250
Non-members of AFS/AFSIB	US \$ 300	US \$ 300
Members of AFS/AFSIB	₹6000	₹8000
Non-members of AFS/AFSIB	₹8000	₹10000
Students	₹4000	₹5000
Observers & Spouses*	₹3000	₹3000

*Includes charges for participation in the forum and working lunch and tea, but no conference kit would be provided.

An online portal for registration will be shortly available in the site and the applicants can pay the registration charges online.

POST-FORUM TOURS

Kochi (colonial name Cochin) also referred to as the "Gateway to Kerala", is a vibrant city situated on the south-west coast of the Indian. It is rated as the top three tourist destinations by the World Travel & Tourism Council and featured in National Geographic Traveler's '50 greatest places of a lifetime' and has a lot of tourist attractions and places to visit in and around. The details regarding the post-forum tour will be uploaded shortly in the site www.11ifaf.in



ONLINE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Contributors are required to submit extended abstracts online. Kindly logon to the website www.11ifaf.in for updates regarding submission of abstracts

PUBLICATIONS OF THE FORUM

The papers presented in the forum will be subjected to scientific review for publishing in journals with high impact factor. The details of the journals will be uploaded shortly in the website.

EXHIBITION

The premier Research Institutions, NGOs, State Governments, and Entrepreneurs etc. will take part in the exhibition that will be arranged at the venue of the forum.

AFSIB GENERAL BODY & ELECTIONS

The general body and election of AFSIB will be held during the forum to elect the new Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Members. The necessary notice will be circulated by the Secretary, AFSIB.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Submission of Abstracts: 1 April -1 May 2017

Communication of Acceptance of Abstracts 31 July 2017

Last date of Submission of Application for Awards 30 June 2017

Last date of Submission of Full Paper: 31 September 2017

Last date of Submission of Application for Shri J.V.H. Dixitulu National Award: 15 August 2017



Young Scientist Award Eligibility: Scientists and Research Scholars below the age of 35 years (as on 30th June 2017) working in the field of fisheries related disciplines. The award carries a cash prize of ₹1000 and a citation. (up to 10 awards)

Prof. H.P.C Shetty Award Eligibility: Persons involved in Fisheries research and development, below 50 years as on 30th June 2017. The award carries a cash prize of ₹10,000 a medallion and an invitation to deliver keynote address at the forum.

Professors T.J. Pandian and A.J. Matty Award Eligibility: Applicant should be below 35 years (40 years in the case of women) as on 30th June 2017, preferably carried out his/her work in India and has worked towards aquaculture development through research. Award carries a cash prize of ₹10,000, a medallion and an invitation to deliver keynote address at the forum.

Dr. Pillay Aquaculture Award Eligibility: Outstanding work on any aspect of aquaculture (research/ extension/ development) carried out in India by an individual, group or organization (government or private). The award carries a cash prize of ₹25,000 and a citation and invitation to deliver keynote address during the forum.

Dr. M. C. Nandeesha Award This award is for best innovation by a fish farmer. The award carries a cash prize of ₹25,000 and a citation.

Details about the above awards can be obtained from the Secretary, AFSIB Building, College of Fisheries Campus, Kankanadi, Mangalore – 575 002, Karnataka. The applications should reach the Secretary latest by 30th June 2017. (Alink will be provided in www.11ifaf.in)

Shri J.V.H. Dixitulu National Award for Outstanding work in Fisheries Extension/ Communication Eligibility: Outstanding contributions in the field of fisheries extension / communication in India by individuals /institutions / NGOs. The award will carry a memento, citation and cash award of ₹15,000 and invitation to present the work at the forum.

The application should be sent to the Convener of the J.V.H. Dixitulu Award – The President, MBAI, CMFRI Campus, Post Box No. 1604, Kochi -682 018, Kerala, India. The last date for receiving applications by the President of MBAI is 15th August, 2017.

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