

First Announcement



## ASIAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

ANNOUNCING THE

# 8<sup>th</sup> ASIAN FISHERIES FORUM

### THEME

"FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE : STRATEGIC OUTLOOK FOR ASIA"



20 – 23 November, 2007

Le MERIDIEN

Kochi, India

[www.8aff2007.org](http://www.8aff2007.org)

## BACKGROUND

Fisheries and aquaculture of the Asian region have been, drawing increased attention as an avenue for food and nutritional security, livelihood, employment, investment and trade. Asia's contribution to the world fisheries and aquaculture has been significant and growing. The Australasian region is emerging as a major player in fish production, diversification, value addition and trade.

Fisheries scenario in the world has been passing through a difficult period due to stagnation in yield from capture, increased operational cost, reduced profitability, emerging concerns of sustainability, globalization, biodiversity loss, pollution, environmental degradation, loss of critical habitats, marginalization of small scale fishers, processors and vendors, increased cost of feeds, high operational costs in fish culture, diseases, brood stock management, low productivity, market dynamics and several other factors. Developing countries of the Asian region are at higher risks as millions depend on fisheries for livelihoods. While we are passing through a phase of threats and destabilization, it is time that the fisheries scientists take upon themselves the challenge of addressing these issues through strategic and anticipatory research leading to interventions which will ensure not only long term sustainability but also make fisheries and aquaculture a rewarding, environment friendly, socially acceptable and economically profitable activity. It is with this focus, the 8th Asian Fisheries Forum has chosen the theme "*Fisheries and Aquaculture: Strategic Outlook for Asia*".

## ABOUT THE ASIAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

The Asian Fisheries Society, established in 1986, is the largest fisheries non governmental organization in the Asian region with a membership of over 3000 scientists, technocrats, fish farmers, administrators and activists. The AFS has been holding the Asian Fisheries Forum once in every 3 years since its inception. The Society is now organizing the 8th Asian Fisheries Forum in Kochi, India from 20-23 November, 2007. The AFS endeavours to make the 8th Asian Fisheries Forum the largest fisheries gathering in the Asian region.

## THE CONFERENCE

The theme of the Conference shall be "*Fisheries and aquaculture: Strategic outlook for Asia*". The Conference will be from 20-23 November, 2007. There will be several simultaneous technical sessions, a poster session, two symposia, a trade exhibition and post forum tours.

## THE VENUE

Kochi, **the Queen of the Arabian Sea** has been selected by the AFS as the venue of **8<sup>th</sup> Asian Fisheries Forum, 2007**. Kochi is rightly called the fisheries capital of India. There are many fisheries organizations, fishery related activities such as fishing, aquaculture farms, processing plants, exporting firms, quality control labs, fish feed factories, fish farms, fish traders, fishery equipment suppliers, exporters, research

institutes, etc. located in and around Kochi. In addition to this, Kochi, situated in *God's Own Country, KERALA*, one of the top notched tourism destinations in the world with an average of 350,000 foreign tourists visiting every year is popular as the 7<sup>th</sup> most attractive tourist destinations in the world as per international rating. The Forum will be held at *Le Meridien Resort & International Convention Centre*, Kochi which is situated in the outskirts of the city of the Kochi. The port city is well connected by over 170 domestic and over 150 international flights per week as well as by rail and road. The **SAFF2007** will be an opportunity for scientists from various countries to present their research outputs and interact to develop collaborative research and development agenda for future.

## TECHNICAL SESSIONS

1. Living Aquatic Resources, Capture Fisheries and Management
2. Aquaculture: Production System & Management, Productivity Enhancement.
3. Biodiversity & Conservation
4. Environment, Pollution, Impacts
5. Biotechnology
6. Fish Health
7. Harvest and Post-harvest Technology, Value Addition
8. Fisheries and Society
9. Human Resource, Policy and Governance
10. Economics, Marketing, Exports, Trade, Globalization

## SPECIAL SYMPOSIA

There will be two special symposia during the forum.

1. Second global symposium on "Gender and Fisheries: Solutions through Gender Research"
2. "Shrimp Aquaculture in Asia: Current Status and Future Prospects"

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Technical sessions will be covering the thematic areas listed and will run concurrently. Selected papers will be allocated slots for presentations. The selection of papers for oral presentations will be based on the quality of abstracts submitted by the authors. Detailed instructions will be available for authors on abstract preparation and submission in the website as well as in the second announcement.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Authors are encouraged to present their papers in the equally important poster sessions which will be open for thematic areas. Detailed instructions on preparation of the posters will be available to intending authors.

## TRADE EXHIBITION

All major players in the Asian fisheries and aquaculture scenario will take part in the 3 day trade exhibition arranged at the venue of the Forum. The exhibition will attract research, development, industry, trade, products, services, information technology and allied sectors. Details of charges and floor plans are available at the website.

## REGISTRATION

Only registered participants will have the privilege to participate in the inaugural session, welcome get together, scientific sessions, special symposia, conference lunch and tea, conference banquet, trade exhibition, cultural evenings and post forum tours. There will not be any complimentary registrations.

Online registration facility through secure credit card payment is available both for Indian and foreign delegates.

The registration fee for various categories of participants are as follows	
Early bird registration up to 31 July, 2007	: US \$ 350
Registration after 31 July, 2007	: US \$ 400
Students/Observers/Spouses ( no conference kits)	: US \$ 200

On line registration: [www.tciconferences.com/AFF2007/aff\\_regn.asp](http://www.tciconferences.com/AFF2007/aff_regn.asp)

(Members of AFS, AFSIB, MAS, WAS who have paid up 2006 subscriptions are entitled for 20% discount on registration fee up to 31 July, 2007 and 10% thereafter. Participants residing in India paying in Indian Rupees will have the option for **special registration fee** of Rs. 5000 up to 31 July, 2007 and Rs. 7000 thereafter. The special Registration fee for students/observers/spouses from India is Rs.3000.)

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

**June 30<sup>th</sup> 2007** is the deadline for submission of abstracts. Abstracts received after this date may not find a place in the Book of Abstracts. The abstracts can be submitted online through the website [www.8aff2007.org](http://www.8aff2007.org). Abstracts can also be sent through email to [8aff2007@gmail.com](mailto:8aff2007@gmail.com) or through post to the Secretariat.

## PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS

All papers presented at the 8AFF2007 will be peer reviewed and the selected ones will be published as a special publication "8<sup>th</sup> Asian Fisheries Forum Proceedings".

## TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

The 8AFF2007 does not provide any funds for travel or participation. All travel and hotel accommodation arrangements are looked after by the official Event Manager of the Forum, **TRAVEL CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.** **The Forum Secretariat does not undertake any arrangements for travel or accommodation. In view of the heavy tourist inflow to Kochi during the peak tourist season September to March, intending participants are strongly advised to get their accommodation booked sufficiently early in order to avoid disappointment. Please visit the website for links to the Event Managers.**

Online hotel booking: [www.tciconferences.com/AFF2007/aff\\_acc.asp](http://www.tciconferences.com/AFF2007/aff_acc.asp)

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visitor visa is required for travel to India. There is no arrival visa at the airports. For visa assistance, foreign delegates may contact the Event Manager authorized to handle travel and visa assistance.

Online visa assistance: [www.tciconferences.com/AFF2007/aff\\_VISA.asp](http://www.tciconferences.com/AFF2007/aff_VISA.asp)

## Post Forum Tours

There are 5 conducted post forum tours scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> November. Event Manager will make the necessary arrangements for those interested in joining the tours. Please see the website for details.

<b>Dates to remember</b>	
<i>Last date for early bird registration</i>	<i>:31 July, 2007</i>
<i>Last date for Abstracts</i>	<i>:30 June, 2007</i>
<i>Forum dates</i>	<i>:20 - 23 November, 2007</i>

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Those who are desirous of receiving the second announcement may please return the enclosed form duly filled in to the Secretariat. The second announcement will contain the guidelines for abstract and paper preparations as well as detailed plans.

## EVENT MANAGEMENT

The official event manager of the 8AFF2007 is:

**TRAVEI CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.**

Website: [www.tciconferences.com](http://www.tciconferences.com)

## FORUM WEBSITE

The official website of the forum

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**8TH ASIAN FISHERIES FORUM**  
20~23 NOVEMBER, 2007

VENUE :  
**Le MERIDIAN**  
**KOCHI, INDIA**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: (Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms.).....

Institution:.....

Mailing Address:.....

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Field of Specialization:.....

Check appropriate box(es):

I. Intend to

Attend the Eighth Asian Fisheries Forum

Give an oral/poster presentation

Attend the forum without a paper

Join the post-forum tour

Attend the special symposium

II. Would like:

To receive information about the forum in due course

To receive an AFS membership application form

Last date for receipt of pre-registration forms is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006

Date

Signature

The second announcement will be sent to all those who return this form duly filled in. This form may be photocopied if needed.