

APA 2016 Report

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The theme for APA 2016 was Profitability, Sustainability and Responsibility for the Future. Asia being the world's highest producers in fisheries has to ensure the environmental sustainability so that long term profitability and sustainable fish production can be ensured. In this mega event representatives from all over the world participated and discussed the latest research, developments and innovation in fisheries and aquaculture.

The event was hosted by Ministry of Marine Affairs & Fisheries (MMAF) and WAS at Grand City convention centre Surabaya, Indonesia from April 26th to 29th 2016.

There were so many parallel session was also going side by side along with main event during APA 2016 which include: IndoAqua 2016, FITA 2016, International Symposium on Tilapia (ISTA) 2016, Special industry session from EVONIK and MSD.

In APA 2016 in various technical sessions and poster presentation all aspects of fisheries and aquaculture were covered along with healthy discussion .A student session and student reception was also arranged for the student coming from different continents. Experts and academics from different country have presented their view and discussed about opportunity and job prospective for the students in their country for other country student as well. In evening student session was organised where the students have been given the opportunity to show their culture, their talent in front of the gathering. To promote the student to participate in the event US\$4000 prize money was allocated to different programs during this event. In student reception event, students were divided into 6 groups and each group having equal no. of participant .Program started with the quiz which was hosted by organizer and judged by a panel of judges. Along with quiz other events like traditional dress show, ramp show and individual talent show was also hosted by the organizer. Student of different nation along with the local student from Indonesia have actively participated in the event and shown their talents in front of judges and gathering. I was fortunate to win 1 individual prize and one group prize in this event.

In AwF session entitled "Development, Welfare and Poverty alleviation" which was chaired by Roy Palmer was really the fascinating one. This session was totally devoted to the development, welfare and poverty alleviation of the fishermen community. All the presenter in this session were inclined to show the kind of setup they have in their country to help the rural poor by providing them opportunity and engaged them in the fisheries and aquaculture activity to earn their livelihood and support their family. I was also assigned with the responsibility to present the issues in India. There I have discussed about the issues in India and given a special reference to problem of Katkaris and how the Local NGO name Shramviji Janata Sahayak Mandal (SJSM),is supporting these katkaris to earn their livelihood and ensure their children education and also providing them technical assistance to fish culture practices for more fish production.

The APA 2016 has immensely helped me to interact with lot many stalwarts from fisheries and aquaculture all along the globe. I had a chance to interact with many academics and aquaculture experts from various country and research group to share knowledge and widen my networks which will certainly help me in my future endeavour.

The main attraction of APA 2016 was the exhibition where more than 200 exhibitors from different countries have their stall and they were kind enough to discuss the kind of products they are marketing or producing or manufacturing along with their information brochure and live setup.

As far as the hospitality and kind of management for successful completion of this event was concerned, I think Indonesian people were so enthusiastic and kind nature to help the people who travelled to their country to attend this mega event.

At last I wish to thank the organizer of APA 2016 and WAS-APC for providing me the opportunity in terms of granting me the student scholarship to attend this prestigious event. I sincerely thank Roy D Palmer and other office bearers of WAS-APC for helping me at each and every step, wherever I need any kind of assistance and guidance regarding my query. I wish to be associated with this organization and looking forward for another opportunity in future to attend such big events.

Photos and memories from APA 2016



Inauguration session of APA 2016



Student reception event



Student showing their talent and judges are busy in evaluation



Pictures with Aquaculture Expert



President reception party



Listening comments from chair during AwF session



Memory from Past

Thank you once again WAS-APC and AwF for providing me this wonderful opportunity for being part of APA 2016.

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