

**Report: Issues that need to be considered by any aquaculture female prior to, during and after such event to maximize benefits of participation by Renata Melon Barroso**

As part of my work at EMBRAPA I have been studying tilapia value chain in Brazil. To complement and update my research it is very important to make part of big conferences as ISTA and WAS. However, to support a long trip like that is very difficult for a Brazilian Research Center. In this sense, Aquaculture Without Frontiers opened a window of possibility by organizing a contest for a travel grant. I am very grateful for this opportunity.

**Prior to the event:**

**Prepare a good talk:** Once I was enrolled in 3 different sessions (ISTA, Poster, AwF), I had to prepare my presentations carefully, aiming to cover and present the maximum of data from my work to the best advantage of the public. Once the conference was in Asia, I knew I was one of the few researcher presenting Brazilian aquaculture results.

List of scientific participation:

1	Tilapia genetic management at the farming level	Oral - Melon Barroso_19_64	SESSION 64: Tilapia (ISTA), SESSION DATE: Thursday, April 27, 14:30
2	AQUACULTURE REGULATION IN BRAZIL - BENEFITS AND CONSTRAINTS FROM PRODUCTION TO MARKETING	Poster	POSTER BOARD #: 303 POSTER SET-UP: Tuesday, April 26: 12:00 noon-18:30pm, Wednesday, April 27: 8:00am-10:00am POSTER TAKE-DOWN: Friday, April 29 by 13:30pm
3	HOW TILAPIA HAS IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THOUSANDS OF BRAZILIAN BACKLANDS PEOPLE?	Oral - Barroso_708_11	SESSION 11 Development, Welfare and Poverty Alleviation (AwF) Friday, 29th, 10:30

**During the event**

I've arrived in Surabaya on the 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon after a 26 hour trip. It took me about three days to recover from the 12 hours jetlag, not easy.

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Beside the hotel be very close to the event, the Islamism gave me the feeling of misogyny and didn't feel comfortable to walk alone preferring get a taxi to move from a quarter to another.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of April, at 8h I went to the Conference Grand City to meet my grant-mates and assist WAS-APC Booth. The activity was to help to collect emails of all visitors and sell WAS memberships and products.



The first two days of the event (26 and 27) the movement was bigger at the booth. Many people stopped by asking for publication and a list of visitors was built, there were 37 names while I headed the list, transferred then to Nate.

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The event had many interesting presentation and a great exhibition. In my personal opinion, ISTA could have more innovations and new technologies presented. I was a bit upset with the low level of the presentations and the opportunity lost by missing other nice talks.

As granted, I was asked to engage the Panel on Women in Aquaculture. This was a superb moment. A great discussion took place with many people participating. I believe it is important to always stimulate gender issue talks and I congratulate AwF for organizing this opportunity.