

Dear friend of AwF,

As usual, please forgive the impersonal nature of this newsletter.

Rather than copying all the latest AwF news for you, I am asking you to re-visit our website yourself [click www.aquaculturewithoutfrontiers.org]; I hope that you will find it significantly improved.

However, I would especially like to draw your attention to two matters:

FUND RAISING

In addition to the many individual and corporate donations that we have very gratefully received, and the access to the YSI-WAS Tsunami Relief Fund that is enabling us to carry out several projects in Indonesia, great efforts have been made recently to raise money from within and beyond our aquaculture community for the work of AwF. These have included:

- A competition organized by the Scottish aquaculture industry: £1,500 (~US\$ 2,700).
- The sale of a painting: £1,840 (~US\$ 3,300).
- The entry of a sponsored dragon boat in a recent regatta in England: >£1,300 (~US\$ 2,340), so far.

Nearly 80 individuals have already offered their services as AwF volunteers and opportunities for AwF to initiate small projects for our target beneficiaries are increasing, but we need much more financial support than we have received to date.

The three fund-raising activities mentioned above all originated in the UK and were the first to involve a wider public than those of us who are friends and colleagues of AwF trustees, or that attend WAS and EAS conferences.

I would therefore like to issue a challenge to you:

Can you raise money for AwF where you live, produce, administer, study, teach and research through such initiatives (sponsored races, garage sales; appeals to local charities; competitions; personal appeals to your friends and employers, and so on.....)?

Come on the USA!! Come on the rest of Europe!! Come on Australia & New Zealand!! Where are you? Surely you can do better than the UK?

Let's see you start raising money from the public in your countries!! Your enthusiasm for AwF has encouraged us a lot but now we appeal to you to help us in these practical ways.

Aquaculture has been good to us – let's help others through aquaculture.

BIDDING FOR A PAINTING FOR AwF

A dear friend of mine (and of AwF) has very generously offered us one of her paintings, to be auctioned for AwF. Please see the attachment to this message headed "Claude painting auction".

If it does not interest you personally, please see if it might interest your employer or, if you are a company Director, if it might grace your board room wall?

Please forgive my begging letters (this will not be the last!). It's a new activity for me and I find it rather embarrassing to beg, especially from friends. However, I hope that you will agree that it is for a good cause and that you will hide your own embarrassment and join me by begging from your own friends, employers, and the public in your localities.

Kindest regards,

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