

Aquaculture without Frontiers

alleviating poverty in developing countries through responsible aquaculture

Please note the following recent news stories from AwF:

1. **AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY SUPPORTS AwF:** Following a presentation by the AwF Chairman in New Orleans during the recent conference of the US Aquaculture Society in January 2005, the members of the American Fisheries Society (Fish Culture Section) unanimously agreed to donate US\$ 1,000 to AwF. In doing so, the AFS (FCS) expressed very strong support for the principles of AwF. Following the wish of AFS to develop a continuing relationship with AwF, AFS (FCS) will be invited to nominate a member of the AwF Technical Advisory Group. AwF expresses its deep gratitude to AFS for this encouraging support.
2. **EAS FUNDS AWF STUDENT VOLUNTEER:** During its January 2005 meeting, the Board of the European Aquaculture Society (EAS) unanimously voted to establish a fund for an "EAS YOUNG PERSON VOLUNTEER" and donated an initial Euro 3,000 to AwF for this purpose. It is envisaged that EAS YOUNG PERSON VOLUNTEERS will be members of EAS, under the age of 30 and, normally, graduate students. AwF is extremely grateful to EAS for proposing the facilitation of student participation in the work of AwF, and for its generous donation.
3. **AwF GRANTED CHARITY STATUS:** Aquaculture without Frontiers has been granted charity status by the Charity Commission of England & Wales (Registration # 1107062). This means that AwF can get added value from donations made by UK tax-payers. AwF has also been granted tax-exempt status in California; Federal tax-exempt status is expected to be awarded soon.
4. **AwF CONSIDERS TSUNAMI RELIEF:** AwF has a volunteer ready to visit the Indonesian province of Aceh to make an assessment of the practical and immediate needs of small-scale farmers whose livelihoods have been devastated by the tsunami. This mission will be funded by funds already pledged to AwF. This will provide the basis for requesting funds from the Tsunami Relief Fund set up by the World Aquaculture Society, which will be used to provide assistance to small-scale farmers. Currently, the possibility of collaborating with the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and the Pacific (NACA) for this purpose is being investigated and the Indonesian government authorities have been approached.
5. **AwF SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR VOLUNTEER SUPPORT:** AwF has volunteers ready to provide technical expertise to assist in the alleviation of poverty in developing or transition countries through small-scale aquaculture. So far the funds available to us for this purpose are very limited. Despite this fact, AwF would like to solicit proposals for limited support. If you (or your existing project) could use the short-term services of an AwF volunteer to assist small-scale aquaculture in your area, please make an initial contact with Michael New

(Michael_New@compuserve.com), providing brief initial details of your request. AwF is presently only able to consider the provision of volunteer assistance costing up to US\$2,000-3,000. It is interested in collaborating with existing international NGOs working in poverty alleviation that wish to extend their existing aquaculture activities or to broaden their current aid portfolio.

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Aquaculture without Frontiers (AwF), is an independent non-profit organisation, formed to support responsible and sustainable small-scale aquaculture (the farming of fish, crustaceans and molluscs) to assist in the alleviation of poverty in developing countries. AwF is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1107062) and its trustees are Geoff Allan (Australia), John Cooksey (USA), Lorrae Hayes (Fareham, UK), Michael New (Marlow, UK) and William Northcroft (Little Marlow, UK).