



The Winners of the AFS Kanazawa Research Grant Award

The Awards and Nomination Committee is Prof. Emeritus Neil Loneragan, Chair (fish ecologist and small-scale fisheries), Prof. Wilfredo Campus (Marine biology and Capture fisheries), Prof. Liping Liu (aquaculture and the environment, fish reproduction physiology), and Dr. Leena Wong (Marine ecology and biodiversity, mollusc aquaculture, and conservation). We evaluated 28 applications for the Kanazawa Research Fellowships from people from six nations and 16 research institutions (universities and National Research Centres) and were impressed with the quality of the applications. The applications covered a wide range of disciplines, including, e.g., fisheries conservation, population genetics, fish disease and immune response, economics, governance of fisheries, and social dimensions of fisheries.

We recommended that the Kanazawa Fellowships be awarded to:

1. **Ipsita Biswas**, an Indian national at the National Taiwan Ocean University, for her studies on moonfish to integrate science, conservation, and community resilience; and
2. **Shafiq Johar**, a Malaysian national at the Universiti Putra Malaysia, for his study on the development of potential bacteria as probiotics for disease control in juvenile *Pangassius*.

We also recommended that two commendations be sent to:

1. **Md. Ruyel Miah**, a Bangladeshi national at the University of Waterloo for his research on small-scale fisheries vulnerability to viability transition; analysing transboundary governance; and
2. **Tran Nguyen**, a Viet Nam national at James Cook University, for her research on groupers immune responses to NNV infection.