

Message from the Past and Current Asian Fisheries Society Presidents

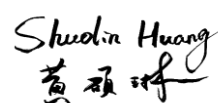
The 10th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum held May 1-5, 2013 at Yeosu, Republic of Korea, was also the host to the 4th Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF4). This event continued the women/gender and fisheries Symposia held by the Asian Fisheries Society (AFS) in the previous five triennial Forums, starting in 1998 with the 5th Forum. AFS has again provided a venue for researchers, development specialists and advocates to share their knowledge and network on gender in fisheries. Every triennial event draws new participants, including young students, and a key cadre of committed experts who regularly participate. GAF4 sessions attracted very enthusiastic presenters and audiences and generated lively discussions.

For the second time the Asian Fisheries Science journal is publishing a Special Issue on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries, featuring papers presented during GAF4. In 2012 we published a Special Issue containing papers from GAF3. The articles in the first GAF Special Issue have been popular with readers of the journal and we expect the articles in the present Special Issue also to be well read and cited. The themes captured in present Special Issue cover the gendered impacts of fishery sector and personal change, the diversity of gender assets and roles, and challenges, institutions and tools to meet future needs.

We congratulate the Co-editors for their diligence in seeing this volume through to publication. A special note of thanks to Nikita Gopal, the chief editor and the head of the Programme Sub-Committee for GAF4 for providing the leadership to produce this Special Issue on gender in aquaculture and fisheries, which we are pleased to commend to you.



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