

HONORARY LIFE AWARD PRESENTED TO HILLARY EGNA



At World Aquaculture 2013 in Nashville, the Honorary Life Award was presented to Dr. Hillary Egna. The Honorary Life Award represents the highest award of the World Aquaculture Society and recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of aquaculture.

Hillary has made tremendous contributions to global aquaculture through her more than 25-year leadership and administration of the multi-million dollar Aquaculture & Fisheries Collaborative Research Support Program (AquaFish CRSP). The AquaFish CRSP has supported aquaculture research and education programs in the USA, Thailand, Mexico, Honduras, China, Kenya, South Africa, the Philippines and dozens more. Hillary has dedicated herself wholeheartedly to the vitality and evolution of this organization. Notably she has shown great sensitivity for the role that CRSP host-country participants play in developing research programs.

As Director of the CRSP and a faculty member at Oregon State University, she has been a guide and mentor to a large number of scientists from many developing countries. Her support and guidance have produced a strong cadre of researchers and students in developing countries whose work advances aquaculture development in many practical ways. The development of new culture techniques, design of new feeds, inclusion of native species

in aquaculture, development of technology packages, and definition of better management practices for aquaculture are some examples of the work of the CRSP under her guidance.

Hillary has also been a strong supporter of women in aquaculture. She has been able to fund higher education for hundreds of American and international women to gain undergraduate and graduate degrees. She has made the goal of improving the role of women in aquaculture research and fish farming itself a high priority personally, to collaborating AquaFish CRSP organizations, and to the global aquaculture community at large.

On a technical level, she has co-authored books with Claude Boyd, published dozens of peer-reviewed technical articles and organized and sponsored numerous international conferences and sessions at WAS conferences. She has had a huge impact on developing country aquaculture with a strong emphasis on sustainable aquaculture for the rural poor. Hillary has been insightful and supportive of the role of social and economic sciences in aquaculture development. She has tenacity, a positive attitude, and compassion for people. Her passion for alleviating poverty in developing countries and transforming livelihoods and achieving food security through aquaculture is profound.

BIOFLOC TECHNOLOGY WEBSITE

The Biofloc Technology (BFT) Working Group has developed a web page sponsored by the Aquacultural Engineering Society (www.aesweb.org/biofloc.php). The web page includes most conference presentations given in past BFT sessions at WAS conferences and the latest news concerning issues related to BFT.

Recently, the Global Aquaculture Alliance generously agreed to allow papers that deal with BFT from their magazine, the *Global Aquaculture Advocate*, to be posted on the web page. These articles, along with past conference presentations, make the web page a concentrated source of important information regarding BFT. The web page is open to anyone interested in this topic. You are invited to send suggestions, reports, and news to the web editor Andrew Ray (AndrewJRay@gmail.com).