

**The Fourth Annual Meeting of Asian Fisheries
Acoustics Society, AFAS 2010**

**THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
UNDERWATER ACOUSTICS FOR
SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES IN ASIA**



DATE: 14-16 DECEMBER 2010
VENUE: EASTIN HOTEL, PENANG, MALAYSIA

Hosted by

Marine Fishery Resources Development and Management
Department (MFRDMD)
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES MALAYSIA (DOF)
KUALA TERENGGANU, MALAYSIA

1. INTRODUCTION

The International Conference on Underwater Acoustics for Sustainable Fisheries in Asia, is the fourth series of international conferences organized by the Asian Fisheries Acoustic Society (AFAS). The first conference was held in

Dalian, China in 2007 and followed by the second conference in Incheon, Korea in 2008, the third conference was held in Taipei, Taiwan in 2009 and the fourth will be in Penang, Malaysia from 14-16 December 2010. The decision to chose Malaysia as the host country was recommended during the AFAS Board Meeting in November 2009. The conference in 2010, hopefully could attracts more scientist, researchers, manufacturers and academicians from the Southeast Asian countries to participate and present their findings or products on acoustic research, science and technology.

2. VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

Our conference will take place at the Eastin Hotel, Penang Malaysia, scheduled from 14 – 16 December 2010. Participants are encouraged to stay at this hotel for your own convenience and to avoid problems of transportation. Special arrangement was made with the hotel, where a special room rate was given to all participants. The room rates applicable to all participants and guest are as follow;

Room Category	Single with Breakfast	Twin with Breakfast
Deluxe Hill View Room	RM 218.50 nett	RM 241.50 nett
Deluxe Sea View Room	RM 241.50 nett	RM 264.50 nett
Eastin Deluxe (Suite)	RM 368.00 nett	RM 368.00 nett

Please use the reservation form provided for your booking arrangement.

Further details about the hotel facilities can be visited at www.eastin.com

For other nearest hotel accommodation, please make your own reservations by visiting the LINK below.

<http://www.penang-hotels.com/vistana/>

<http://www.b-suite.com.my/>

3. CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS

All participants are requested to submit their abstract in softcopy Microsoft Word format only (*.docs) before 31st October 2010. Any topic on acoustics research, science and technology is acceptable for oral or poster presentation. Participants will be informed about the status of their paper by 15 November 2010. The full paper must be submitted to conference secretariat for publication after one month from the conference date.

4. PRESENTATION

Contributed papers will be selected for oral or poster presentations. The language of the conference will be English. Each oral presenter will be given 15 minutes including time for question and answer. The session includes invited lectures, oral and poster presentations. The maximum size for poster presentation is 120x90 cm.

5. IMPORTANT DATES

Pre-registration : May – October 2010
Call for papers & posters : May - October 2010
Deadline for abstract submission : 31 October 2010
Hotel Registration : Before 15 November 2010
Conference Event : 14 – 16 December 2010

6. PAYMENT & FEES

All payment by bank cheque or telegraphic transfer could be posted under the name of SEAFDEC MFRDMD, with detail as follows;

Name of account holder: SEAFDEC MFRDMD
 Account Number : 100150001820
 Bank Name : AFFIN ISLAMIC BANK BHD.
 Bank Address : JALAN SULTAN ISMAIL, 20200 KUALA TERENGGANU.

Registration fees for Malaysian

Non Student : RM 450
 Student : RM 350
 Walk-in : RM 500

Registration fees for Foreigner

Non Student : USD 150
 Student : USD 100
 Walk-in : USD 150

7. REGISTRATION INFORMATIONS

All interested participants are requested to submit their pre-registration form (REPLY FORM) for the conference and hotel accommodation before 31st October 2010 in order to secure their accommodation. REPLY FORM could be reach to conference secretariat by Fax (+609-6175136) or E-mail (rbidin@seafdec.org.my, tamimi@seafdec.org.my) before the dead line.

8. TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Day 1: December 14, 2010

Time	Program
09:00-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:30	Welcome Address :
	Chairman's Address
	Opening Remark by the Honorable Director General of Fisheries Malaysia
10:30-11:00	Refreshment and Group Photo
11:00-12:00	Session I : Present State and Characteristics of Asian Fisheries Acoustics
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	AFAS General Meeting
15:00-17:30	Session II : Advanced Technologies in Fisheries Acoustics
20:00	Official Dinner (Hosted by Department of Fisheries Malaysia)

Day 2: December 15, 2010

Time	Program
09:00-11:55	Session III : Theoretical Research and Target Strength of Marine Animals
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Session IV : Methodologies and Evaluation of Acoustic Surveys
15:00-17:00	Session V : Broad Aspects of Underwater Acoustics for Fisheries
17:00-17:30	Closing Ceremony
20:00	Dinner (Hosted by AFAS)

Day 3: December 16, 2010

Time	Program
09:00	Technical Visit – Option

(Visit to small scale fisheries related industries around Penang Island and the Science University of Malaysia)

9. Further Information and Contacts

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