

SUMMARY OF AFAS2011

The fifth annual meeting of Asian Fisheries Acoustics Society, AFAS2011 entitled “The International Conference on Underwater Acoustics for Sustainable Fisheries in Asia with theme of “Application of Acoustic Science and Technology for Low-Carbon Fishery” was held at the Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute in Qingdao, China from 17-18 November 2011. The conference was hosted by the Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute (YSFRI) and Chinese Academy of Fishery Science (CAFS). About 80 participants from 7 countries/regions including China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Australia, and Norway attended the meeting. This conference comprising agendas for opening/closing sessions, five technical sessions, board meeting, society general meeting, welcome/farewell parties and technical tour were conducted smoothly during 2 days meeting as follows.

1. Board meeting

On 16th November 2011, the day before conference, the AFAS Board meeting was held at Fuxing Hotel. The Board members who attended the meeting were K. Iida, Raja Bidin, R. Hassan, Y. Miyamoto, K. Miyashita, Y. Nishimori, A. Hamano, Y. Tang, and H.J. Lu. General report by AFAS chairman, activity reports by every SG chairs, progress report on AFAS2011 by Xianyong Zhao, Secretary General of the Local Organizing Committee were also reported. Issues discussed in the meeting were as follows. 1) Procedure for the election process of the next term board members was approved. 2) New Chairman and Directors for FY2012-2013 were nominated. 3) The venue and date for AFAS2012 was recommended to be held in Busan, Korea in November 2012.

2. General Meeting

The 5th AFAS General Meeting was held in the afternoon of November 17, 2011 in the conference room chaired by Prof. A. Hamano, the advisor of AFAS. Chairman's greeting, general report, working group reports and regional reports were presented by board members. 1) Approved the procedure of election for next board members. 2) New Chairman and 14 Directors for FY2012-2013 were elected. 3) Venue and date for AFAS2012 was proposed by the board to be held in Busan, Korea in November 2012 and approved.

3. Opening Ceremony

Prof. Qingyin Wang, Director General of Yellow Sea Fisheries Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Fishery Science and Prof. Xianyong Zhao, Vice Director of YSFRI, Secretary General of AFAS2011 and Prof. K. Iida, Chairman of AFAS addressed participants to AFAS 2011 as opening remarks. Later, a group photo with VIP and all participants was taken in front of YSFRI building.

4. Technical Session

Four keynote lectures including “Low Carbon Fishery” by Prof. Qisheng Tang (Vice president/CAST), “New challenge of integrated coastal fisheries information system for low-carbon fisheries and aquaculture” by Prof. Sei-Ichi Saitoh, (Hokkaido University), “Potential application of underwater acoustic technology in modern facility fishery” by Dr. Changtao Guan (YSFRI) were delivered. A total of 32 papers and 7 posters were presented during the technical sessions. Poster presentations were conducted at the conference lobby and some exhibition of acoustic products by donor companies were also held outside the conference room.

5. Parties

A welcome dinner hosted by YSFRI was held at the banquet room in YSFRI on the first day evening, and a farewell party hosted by AFAS was held at the banquet room in YSFRI on the second day evening.