

High Value Aquaculture Fin Fish Symposium

Kagoshima, Japan 15-18 October 2013



The event is being held because of these reasons:

- WAS – and particularly the Asian Pacific Chapter (APC) – holds one major Conference/Trade Show per annum but with aquaculture growing (especially in the APC) there is a need to ensure members in all countries have the opportunity to contribute and share information
- There are many technical and technology issues in aquaculture which lend themselves to such symposiums. There is only one stream at such events and the aim is to invite specific people to present. This creates stronger networks on such issues and lends itself to taking such subjects to full conferences and/or to have regular meetings on the same subject.
- WAS has not had a meeting in Japan and there is a need to connect with the science, research and industry to enable sharing of the knowledge.
- WAS held its first such symposium in Al Ain, UAE on ARIDLAND AQUACULTURE and from that it has a greater understanding of the benefits this can bring.
- The aim for this event is that it will flow into a session at WAA14 in Adelaide so there is a natural follow up.
- The opportunity of connecting to the end users in Japan (over 1000 Sushi chefs) enables the event to have an added bonus. It is difficult to penetrate the Japanese market to this level and we are organising for both groups to meet on the middle day and share information.
- Due to costs/conditions in Japan and other such developed countries there is keen interest in developing high valued finfish specifically for the top end of the market – the sushi and sashimi market has become the world's leading fast food.
- The program is being put together by both Japan and WAS and at this stage is covering these broad areas (all presentations will be in English unless indicated) – Significance and marketing of

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high valued finfish; Production technologies – Engineering; Production technologies – Biological and Environmental; Workshop with Sushi-Aquaculture Masters (in Japanese with English translation); Nutrition and feed for High Value species; Major issues in international Tuna Aquaculture; Future expansion , etc

- The idea, as we did in UAE, is to have some outcomes from the event which will lead to people working together identifying issues and potential partners and to create a 'to do' list for the future.