

Joint Statement of the UJNR

Aquaculture Panel

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Lewes, Delaware

The Fourth Joint Meeting of the Aquaculture Panel was held in conjunction with an International Conference on Aquaculture Nutrition. Papers were presented by members of the two panels, other invited experts from two countries, and one speaker from Great Britain. The Conference was extremely successful with over 150 scientist in attendance. A Proceedings on the Nutrition Conference will be published by the University of Delaware in about six months.

A cooperative study on Shellfish Diseases was initiated last year at the Third Joint Meeting. Dr. Carl Sindermann and Mr. Akimitsu Koganezawa were selected to coordinate the study. At the Fourth Meeting, Dr. Sindermann reported on the present status of West Coast oysters (Crassostrea gigas) mortalities on the West Coast of the United States. Mr. Koganezawa sent histological samples of Japanese oysters to the United States for examination. He is presently visiting the Oxford Laboratory to discuss future cooperative studies. Next year at the FAO Technical Conference on Aquaculture, the UJNR Aquaculture Panel will present a report on the present status of oyster diseases in the United States and Japan. In addition, Mr. Koganezawa will present a similar report to the Japanese Fishery Agency.

It was reported that the shortage of Artemia eggs, and poor hatching success is having an adverse effect on aquaculture activity in Japan as well as in the United States. Japanese Panel Members expressed a need for additional information regarding U.S. sources of Artemia. The U.S. Panel Members will prepare a statement describing the reasons for current supply problems in the U.S., as well as the outlook for future supplies.

Japanese participants reported that the Proceedings of the Disease Symposium held in conjunction with the previous Aquaculture Panel Meeting in Japan have been printed and are ready for distribution. Final arrangements are being made for the distribution of this publication.

The translation of the Japanese aquaculture book "Through Culture in Shallow Seas," edited by Takeo Imai, is completed. Final corrections are now being made before being printed in India.

A proposal presented for discussion was the possible sponsorship of a book or series of books on aquaculture by the UJNR. The opinion was expressed that the Aquaculture Panel might contribute most to the literature through books addressing recent developments in aquaculture. The panel agreed to give consideration to this proposal and to discuss it further at the next joint meeting.

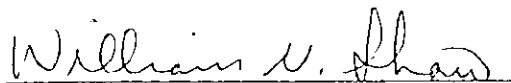
The exchange of young scientists is continuing on a very successful basis. Mr. Akimitsu Koganezawa is presently doing research at the NMFS Oxford Laboratory and plans are being finalized for studies by Dr. Kent Price in Japan. The UJNR Aquaculture Panel will continue to support similar exchanges in the future.

It was decided that the Fifth Joint Meeting of the Aquaculture Panel would be in Japan, near the time of the FAO Technical Conference on Aquaculture (May 26 - June 2, 1976). The Panel Chairmen will work together to set the dates of the meeting. Japanese members stressed the need for participation in both the FAO Conference and the Joint Meeting by U.S. members of the Aquaculture Panel. The suggestion was made that a part of the program for the next Joint Meeting be two overviews of aquaculture representing the state-of-the-art in Japan and in the U.S., respectively. In addition, a request was made that a detailed report on Sea Grant's aquaculture activities be presented.


The Eighth United States-Japan UJNR Conference is being held in Washington, D.C., on November 6 - 7, 1975. At this Conference the activities of the Aquaculture Panel will be presented to the UJNR coordinators. A request will be made for more helpful support for the Aquaculture Panel.

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