

WAS NAMES THREE NEW FELLOWS

At the World Aquaculture Society conference in Prague (AQUA 2012), the Society recognized and presented the WAS Fellows Award to three outstanding individuals. This is one of the Society's newest awards, which recognizes achievement in the field of aquaculture and service to WAS. Fellows provide additional leadership for the Society, serve

as ambassadors, and are working with the Society's current and past presidents to assist in its growth and development. Fellows of the World Aquaculture Society serve as distinguished colleagues to whom the World Aquaculture Society and its members can look for guidance as global aquaculture evolves. The Fellows Award is presented to WAS members that have made significant contributions to the development of aquaculture itself either as researchers, educators, entrepreneurs, or as extension, outreach or development professionals. In 2012, the WAS Fellows were presented to M.C. Nandeesh, Patrick Sorgeloos and Craig Browdy.

- **M.C. NANDEESHA** is extremely well qualified for the award of WAS Fellow. His teaching, research, and development contributions to aquaculture, specifically to the role of women in aquaculture throughout Asia, have been and continue to be immense. Professor Nandeesh has been involved in teaching, research and aquaculture development activities for more than 27 years. He has worked in India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar, Malawi, Guyana, Italy and Belgium. Dr. Nandeesh worked closely with Indian carp farmers to document their innovations and challenges. This effort led to the establishment of a research support unit for farmers in Andhra Pradesh. In Cambodia, he developed aquaculture systems to improve food security and farmer income and initiated a new area of aquaculture development in Cambodia. Professor Nandeesh has over 100 papers published in peer reviewed journals, and numerous other technical papers, workshop proceedings, books and book chapters. Dr. Nandeesh has received numerous awards, including the Gold Medal Award of the Asian Fisheries Society in 2007 and the WAS Honorary Life Member in 1997 — the first Life Member of WAS from a developing country. He also served on the WAS Board of Directors from 2006-2009. Dr. Nandeesh continues to work closely with the society to promote WAS membership in India and to explore ways to spread knowledge of WAS activities around the world.

- **PATRICK SORGELOOS** exemplifies all the qualities indicated in the description of a WAS Fellow: significant contributions to the development of aquaculture in research, education, and through his efforts on behalf of the Society, for which he was recognized as an Honorary Life Member in 2003. Professor Sorgeloos's distinguished career includes more

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than 35 years of research in different aspects of the biology and culturing of brine shrimp *Artemia*, and the aquaculture of fish and shellfish at the Laboratory of Aquaculture and Artemia Reference Center of Ghent University. He has served as the leader of shrimp and fish larviculture projects in Thailand, Philippines, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Ecuador, South

Africa, and Egypt. Professor Sorgeloos has served as an advisor for more than 60 University of Ghent Ph.D. candidates from 20 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Dr. Sorgeloos has authored or co-authored over 300 publications, 5 books, 8 conference proceedings, 17 book chapters, and has been cited almost 5000 times in scholarly publications. In 2003, he received the Honorary Life Member award from the China Society of Fisheries and in 2012 he received that same honor from the European Aquaculture Society at the Prague meeting. Dr. Sorgeloos has served WAS in many capacities, including President in 1999-2000. Most importantly, Dr. Sorgeloos has been an outstanding mentor, educator, and role model for his entire career. He has given freely of his time and expertise on a myriad of levels to students, researchers, colleagues, managers, policy makers and the general public.

- **CRAIG BROWDY** has made substantial contributions to aquaculture in the areas of research, education, technology development, and through many years of service to the World Aquaculture Society. He has used both applied science and innovative technologies to improve production technologies and develop novel approaches to control diseases in shrimp, reduce environmental impacts of aquaculture operations, and develop sustainable feeds. Dr. Browdy served for many years as a scientist with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Assistant Director of the Marine Resources Research Institute and he led the aquaculture section at the Institute's Waddell Mariculture Research and Development Center. His published work is substantial and includes significant contributions to both basic knowledge and practical applications. Dr. Browdy served as a researcher and educator for seven years at Tel Aviv University in Israel and he has served on both Ph.D. and Master's thesis committees. As a member of WAS since 1982, Dr. Browdy served in many positions on the Board, including President in 2002-2003, Treasurer and Board member. He also organized special sessions and served on the program or steering committee for six WAS conferences. Dr. Browdy has worked tirelessly as the WAS Managing Book Editor to develop and publish nearly 20 WAS books. Throughout his career, Dr. Browdy has been involved in the development of broad collaborations to integrate basic and applied research to develop applied solutions for the global aquaculture community.