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The Fifth International Conference on
Recirculating Aquaculture

July 22-25, 2004
The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
Roanoke, Virginia

The biennial international conference and trade show
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You are invited
to participate in the Fifth International Conference on Recirculating Aquaculture at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke, Virginia, on July 22-25, 2004.
The conference is designed for individuals in industry, government, or academia who are involved with recirculating aquaculture.
This conference continues to feature the leading experts in recirculating aquaculture who will be presenting more than 75 papers, as well as poster sessions. Ample time is allotted during all sessions for questions and free discussions. The 1500+ participants from the U.S. and 30 foreign countries who have attended the past four conferences indicated that some of the most popular aspects were the trade show, plenary session, and continuous break service. Equipment manufacturers and salespersons, producers, academics, regulators, investors, and others interested in the recirculating aquaculture field all gather in the trade show area to “meet and greet” and “cuss and discuss” pressing issues associated with recirculating aquaculture. The 2004 conference continues to highlight informal learning opportunities with expanded trade show hours and a reception following the plenary session on Thursday night.
Stay in touch with program developments through our web site at: www.conted.vt.edu/aquaculture/
If you would like more information, please e-mail us at aqua@vt.edu or call (540) 231-6805. Thank you, and we hope to see you in Roanoke.
Trade Show

Cost of Exhibit Booth:

$700 per booth for registrations by December 31, 2003
$800 per booth, postmarked after December 31, 2003

This fee includes:

- One 10' x 10' booth with table, chairs, piping and draping, ID sign, and 110v electrical service.
- Registration for one representative, with all group meals and breaks.
- A listing of all participants.
- A set of the symposium proceedings on CD-ROM.
- Your organization listed in the final program’s Directory of Exhibitors.
- A two-year subscription to the International Journal of Recirculating Aquaculture.

We understand that some companies would like to send a second, third, or fourth rep who might not attend the entire conference, so we have set the registration fee for additional booth attendants at a reduced rate of $175 each (compared to the individual conference registration fee of $325). You may also purchase more than one booth.

Trade Show Hours:
Set-up begins on Thursday, July 22, at 12:00 noon. The Trade Show officially opens on Thursday at 9:00 p.m. along with the Welcoming Reception, and closes on Saturday, July 24, at 4:00 p.m.

To Register:
Please complete the enclosed exhibitor registration form and return with payment. Or, you may register online at www.ext.umn.edu/aquaculture/. Indicate your top three preferences for your booth location (refer to the floor plan in this brochure for a tentative layout of the trade show booths). Certain booths have been reserved for sponsors. After that, booths are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that the floor plan is subject to revision as necessary to accommodate all the exhibitors. Don’t forget to fill in the information for the Directory of Exhibitors, including a short description of your products or services.

Registration deadline for exhibit space is May 31, 2004.

After we receive your registration and payment, we will send you a confirmation of your registration and booth location. You will also receive additional information concerning parking, where and when to ship your exhibit materials, etc.

Refund Policy: Requests for refunds of exhibit space will be honored until May 31, 2004. A $50 processing fee will be assessed. No refunds for booth cancellations can be granted after May 31. Refunds of fees for additional representatives will be honored until July 15, 2004.

Tentative Conference Schedule

Topics to be covered include:

- Nutrition
- Waste Management
- Genetics and Physiology
- Recirculating Pond Aquaculture
- Systems
- Species
- Aquaria
- Fish Health
- Endangered Species
- Ornamentals
- Bait Fish
- Financing
- International Operations
- Economics and Business Management
- Education and Outreach

Thursday, July 22

12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. Exhibitor setup
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Welcome and Plenary Session
9:00 – 11:00 p.m. Trade Show opens

Welcome Reception in Trade Show area

Friday, July 23

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration continues
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Continuous refreshment break service in trade show area
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Trade Show open
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Symposia (four concurrent sessions)
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Buffet lunch in trade show area
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Symposia (four concurrent sessions)
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Poster Session
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Deluxe Reception in Trade Show area

Saturday, July 24

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Registration continues
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Continuous refreshment break service in trade show area
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Trade Show open
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Symposia (four concurrent sessions)
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Lunch in trade show area
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Symposia (four concurrent sessions)
5:00 p.m. Evening free

Sunday, July 25

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Field tour of the Freshwater Institute in Shepherdstown, WV
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Field tour of Virginia Tech’s Aquaculture Research Facilities in Blacksburg, VA
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tour along the Blue Ridge Parkway, Malheur Mill, with lunch and tour of Chateau Morrisette Winery

Other Learning Opportunities

Cornell University, and The Freshwater Institute’s Tenth Annual Recirculating Aquaculture Systems Short Course will be held July 26-30, 2004 at the Freshwater Institute in Shepherdstown, WV. This course is intended to give thorough coverage of the design, operation and management of water reuse systems for fish farms. Members of The Conservation Fund’s Freshwater Institute (Dr. Steven Sampler, Dr. Brian Vinci and Dr. Julie Behah-Williams) and the Cornell Aquaculture Program (Dr. Michael Timmons) will teach the course.

Contact Brenda Marchewka at (607) 255-2195 or bls19@cornell.edu for more information, or visit: www.bee.cornell.edu/extension/aquaculture.
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Check out the web site for up-to-date information.

Please print or type—complete a separate form for each participant

Name: ___________________________ Social Security No. ___________________________

Organization: ___________________________ *Organization's FID# ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ City __________ State __________ Zip/Postal Code _________

Country ___________________________ Daytime Phone No. __________ Fax No. __________

E-mail Address: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Fees: (Registration will be processed when payment is received.)

$325/Person—Early Bird Registration and Payment—Postmarked by June 15, 2004

$425/Person—Standard Registration and Payment—Postmarked after June 15, 2004

$225/One Day Fee: Check date attending: __________ Saturday, July 24

$150/Student Registration Fee. Full-time students only—include photocopy of student ID

$50/Companion’s Fee—Includes the Friday Night Deluxe Reception and Saturday’s Continental Breakfast—Does not include conference sessions or other activities. Companion’s Name ___________________________

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Hard Copy of Proceedings (A CD-ROM copy is included with your registration fee)

$45—Mail to U.S. address or pick up at conference

International shipping requested*

Extra Copy of Proceedings on CD-ROM

$10—Mail to U.S. address or pick up at conference

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Return By June 15, 2004 (no staples, tape, or paper clips, please) to: Conference Registrar, Continuing and Professional Education, 810 University City Blvd., Suite D, Virginia Tech, Mail Code 0272, Blacksburg, VA 24061, phone (540) 231–5182 Or fax credit card registrations to: (540) 231–3306

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You can reserve your lodging room now for 2004 by contacting The Recirculating Aquaculture Conference when you make your reservations. After June 20 (or if the room block fills before then), the special conference rate might not be available, so please make your reservations early. The hotel also requires that any changes in departure date be confirmed directly with the hotel no later than June 20; otherwise, you could be held responsible for paying for the remaining nights if you depart early.

For more information about the hotel and area attractions, visit: www.hotelroanoke.com/.

For more information about what to do and see in the Roanoke Valley, visit: www.visitroanokeva.com/.

Travel by Air

The Roanoke Valley Regional Airport (ROA) is only minutes from The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Complimentary shuttle service between the airport and The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center is available. A courtesy phone with a direct line to the hotel can be found in the airport's baggage claim area. The airport supports these airlines: US Airways www.usairways.com Delta Connection www.delta.com Northwest Airlink www.nwa.com

The Greensboro International Airport (GSO) is just two hours south of Roanoke and offers many other flight options at reduced rates.

Sponsorship

We welcome your sponsorship, regardless of whether you are able to exhibit in the trade show. The sponsorship amount is in addition to the registration fee for an exhibit booth, and there are several levels of sponsorship to fit each organization’s budget. Would your organization consider giving $500, $750, $1000, $1200, $1500, $2000, $2500 or more in sponsorship? You can designate your contribution to be used for a specific function or expense, such as helping to cover the costs of a particular continental breakfast, morning or afternoon refreshment break, luncheon, or perhaps Friday’s deluxe reception. Instead of the meals, you could designate your sponsorship to help cover the expenses of bringing in guest speakers and instructors or as a scholarship for students to attend the conference. Besides contributing to the success of the conference, below are other benefits of your sponsorship.

Levels and Benefits of Sponsorship:

- **Maroon Level: $100 to $499**
  - Contribution toward scholarship for students to attend the conference
  - Name on banner displayed in registration area

- **Bronze Level: $500 to $999**
  - Contribution toward afternoon refreshment break
  - Sign prominently displayed to acknowledge your sponsorship
  - Name on banner displayed in registration area

- **Silver Level: $1,000 to $1,999**
  - Contribution toward morning continental breakfast and refreshments
  - Sign prominently displayed to acknowledge your sponsorship
  - Publicity on the conference website, in the printed program, and in the proceedings
  - Complimentary registration for one additional representative

- **Gold Level: $2,000 to $2,499**
  - Contribution toward one of the luncheons
  - Sign prominently displayed to acknowledge your sponsorship
  - Publicity on the conference website, in the printed program, and in the proceedings

- **Platinum Level: $2,500 or more**
  - Contribution toward Friday’s Deluxe Reception
  - Sign prominently displayed to acknowledge your sponsorship
  - Name on banner displayed in registration area
  - Publicity on the conference website, in the printed program, and in the proceedings
  - First choice of exhibit booth location
  - Complimentary registration for two additional representatives
  - A complimentary lodging room for 3 nights

For Sponsorship of $5,000 or more, you also get:
- A complimentary VIP suite for 1 night
- A full-page ad on the back cover of the program

Please include your sponsorship when you submit your registration. We will be contacting the silver, gold and platinum sponsors regarding the specifications and deadlines for ads to be placed in the final program.

For further information about the conference and symposia, please contact Ms. Terry Rakestraw, Virginia Tech, Mail Code 0418, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061, telephone: (540) 231-6865, or e-mail your questions to: aqua@vt.edu
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Exhibitor Registration*

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Organization’s FID # ____________________________________________

City __________________________ State ______ Zip _______ Country _____

Name of Primary Contact _________________________________________

Phone ______________________ Fax _______ Email ______________________

Name of Representative (as it should appear on the nametag):

The following services can be provided at an additional cost:

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Indicate number of booths you are purchasing: ________

Refer to the booth numbers on the floor plan. Which booth location(s) would you like to have?

1st preference _______ 2nd preference _______ 3rd preference _______

Let us link to your website from the conference web site. Your website URL: ____________________________

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- Admission to all sessions, symposia, and the trade show
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- Welcome reception on July 22 in the trade show room
- Deluxe buffet lunch on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24 in the trade show room
- Conference materials and handouts
- 2-year subscription to the International Journal of Recirculating Aquaculture

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