

ISAFE 3- Report of concluding session

The valedictory function of the 3rd International Symposium of Aquaculture and Fisheries Education was organized on 18th May, 2018. The Chief Guest of the valedictory function was Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR. During the welcome address of the function, Dr. Gopal Krishna, Convener and the Director ICAR-CIFE informed that the conference was attended by more than 260 participants from India including 15 participants from different countries viz., Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, Ethiopia, France, Nigeria, Bhutan, South Korea, Nepal and Spain. The symposium had six technical sessions along with poster and oral presentations by the delegates and the students. In a special session on “Course Curricula in Asia-Pacific region for better job opportunities”, Dr. N. S. Rathore, DDG (Agriculture Education) ICAR addressed the gathering and emphasized different ways for attracting the talent in agriculture. He apprised about the different schemes launched by ICAR for the benefit of different stakeholders of agricultural education. An exhibition was also organized on this occasion in which ICAR institutes and industry partners participated. Dr. J. K. Jena, President AFS and DDG (Fisheries Science), ICAR emphasized on transforming the sector through advance education and building a futuristic student community with knowledge and skill. Dr. S. D. Tripathi, Former Director, ICAR–CIFA and Former Director, ICAR-CIFE and Dr. C. Virapat, Director General, NACA also opined on the linkages of the institutions for betterment of education system and skilling the professionals.

The Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR, Dr. T. Mohapatra, in his Presidential address emphasized on intellectual content of the syllabus, inquisitiveness in the classroom teaching and sincerity and dedication for enriching learning process. He also suggested that teachers must evaluate themselves, explore their weaknesses and build themselves to discuss cutting edge research areas with the students. He also suggested that we need to improve the education by upgrading the faculty and exciting the young minds. He also emphasized on gender equity for creating more women leaders. The new areas such as climate change and its influence on biota and in turn on ‘Blue Economy’ must be explored. Ocean is a vast resource and the opportunities must be utilized for the societal benefit. We need to explore the unexplored and develop entrepreneurs for tomorrow. The Blue Economy must flourish being sustainable, responsible and profitable. He stated that collaboration and co-ordination is the key to success. The Symposium

recommendations were discussed and finalized. The program ended with vote of thanks by Dr. N. P. Sahu, Dean (A).