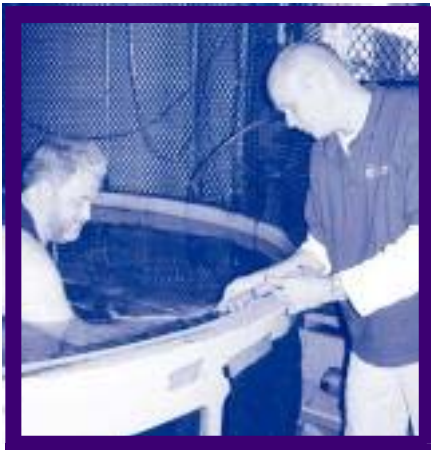


Emmanuel Leguay
MSc Aquatic Veterinary Studies
2002-2003

I have just finished writing and correcting my French thesis. It was a big work. At the same time I was looking for jobs in Polynesia and New Caledonia and other parts of the world where the veterinary degree is recognised. In the meantime I will work as a cow vet for 4 months, then I might ask for free work in ornamental fish farming for a couple of months. But as it's free I have to work a lot before. There are quite a lot of opportunities in what I want to do but mainly in the US.



Richard Lloyd
MSc Aquatic Veterinary Studies
2002-2003

Thought I'd give you a quick progress report. I'm currently in the US doing a 2 month externship in the veterinary department at the New England Aquarium in Boston which has a large collection of fish, invertebrates, penguins, marine mammals and some reptiles. It also runs a rescue and rehabilitation department to deal with strandings on the Eastern Seaboard coast, so a lot of my work here the last couple of weeks has been involved with stranded sea turtles that are late migrating and become 'cold stunned' in the dropping water temperatures. I have also met up with Scott Dowd (MSc Aquaculture last year) who works here as an aquarist - I've attached a picture that you may like of the 2 Stirling graduates stomach tubing a 50lb Redtailed Catfish!

Lorna Marshall
PhD 2003

Whilst writing up the old PhD thesis I defected to the FRS Marine Lab in Aberdeen during December 2002. I ran away to work with Schering-Plough Aquaculture (formerly AVL) and I now conduct research in various areas of vaccine production. I managed to submit the thesis in July 2003 and survived the Viva in September, so I'm now a fully paid up member to the PhD club! I'm currently still working with SPA in Aberdeen, but live in Stonehaven (I'm beside the sea at last!!) as I couldn't cope with the city.



Eunice Pérez Sánchez
PhD 2002

Thank you for inviting us to share our progress. If there is a chance for sharing in the next issue of Aquaculture News, I can say I am glad to be back at home where I resumed my post at the Juarez University of Tabasco.

I am now a member of the Postgraduate Committee and I am temporarily coordinating the interdisciplinary lab for undergraduates.

On the research side, I am collaborating with the University of Campeche, a fellow Mexican institution, in a GIS and Remote Sensing project to assess the catchment area of the Candelaria and Grijalva-Usumacinta rivers for several purposes including aquaculture.



Professor Christina Sommerville was appointed as the new Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences, replacing Professor Lindsay Ross on 1st August 2003.



Mags and Jimmy, had a healthy baby boy, Connor Crumlish Turnbull, on the 12th of September 2003. Everyone is well and despite a bit of sleep deprivation having a lot of fun.



Mini-Taggarts

Introducing Alexander Findlay and Adam Mackenzie Taggart, born on 11th July 2003. Both boys are happy, active and thriving. Both parents are happy, active and near exhaustion.

Caroline Wall

I joined the Environmental Services group within the Institute back in October and my work is mainly commercial in nature at the moment.

Since finishing my MSc at Imperial College in 1997 I have worked in a number of locations throughout the UK. My first position was with CEFAS in Essex where I worked on a number of different projects including impacts of fishing and oil spill bioremediation. After 4 years in Essex I felt it was time for a change! I was offered a position over at Queens University in Belfast where I carried out research on the condition of the Horse Mussel (*Modiolus modiolus*) beds in Strangford Lough.

My most recent position before moving to Scotland was down in Southampton, working for an environmental consultancy called EMU, undertaking surveys and writing reports on a variety of projects.

Here in Stirling, I am currently involved in undertaking environmental surveys, identification of macrofauna, data analysis, report writing and project management, including environmental impact assessment of existing and new aquaculture developments and routine monitoring of marine and freshwater environments.

I am really enjoying it so far and already feel very settled so am hoping that my working tour of the UK is over and I will hopefully be sticking around for a while!



Dr Krishen Rana was nominated and elected as Fellow of The Linnean Society of London in January 2003 for his contribution to sustainable aquaculture development and genetic conservation

Helen Whitaker

Helen recently joined the Institute after graduating with a PhD in molecular ecology from the University of Glasgow. Her current research is on gene mapping in the European Seabass, funded by EU.



Hazel Gentles and Trevor Telfer were married on the 4th July 2003 at Holy Trinity Church in Bridge of Allan. The happy couple are now expecting their first child!

Stuart Millar

26th September 2003 - "I have been to many of these "occasions" during my time with the Institute, but never thought that I would be standing here at my leaving event. During the past few weeks a number of people have said to me, "but you have always been here ... exactly how

long have you been working in the Institute?" So, to keep the record straight, I would just like to tell everyone that I have been here for 20 years ... 4 months, 25 days, 6 hours ... and (checking watch) 15 minutes. It really seems like only a short time ago when I began my time here (although I am sure they say the same in prison!) but time passes very quickly when you are part of the ever changing environment of what is the "Institute of Aquaculture". To be honest, I have been very privileged and lucky to have been part of the Institute during a period of rapid growth and expansion, which has seen a huge number of changes during the last 20 years.

I am pleased to have been part of this growth and consider myself lucky to have met so many wonderful people here, to experience the things I have, and to have had the chance to see the places I have as part of my work. The Pagodas of Burma; The Tea plantations of Bangladesh; The Thai Grand Palace; the Oban Inn; the Lighthouse pub in Donegal; Soi Cowboy (I just passed there in a taxi, honest...); the Clyde sewage boat on the Clyde; oh, the list just goes on and on. Seriously though, I have visited some superb places and met some great people here and overseas. It is the people *here* that however have made my stay at the Institute the best. The Institute in my mind is not the research ratings, the number of peer reviewed papers or the number of awards we get ... its about the genuine, hard working, dedicated and friendly people that work here. That's what makes it unique.

Apart from how long I have been here, the other most frequent question I have been asked lately is "Where are you going and what are you going to do?". I can tell everyone now that I am going to work for a company (LGC) who are setting up a new BSE testing laboratory in Edinburgh. I will be a laboratory supervisor there, working shifts, and am looking forward to the new challenge and excitement of being involved in a start-up lab with a company who are just moving into Scotland.

It is interesting how I came to get this job, and everything has happened very quickly over the past few weeks. After I applied, I was surprised to get an interview and I went along quite unsure as to what chance I had of getting the job. I was asked the usual questions, about my background etc and then they asked me a number of more specific things. "Have you ever worked in industry". "No" I

replied, "Just now I work in an educational establishment". "Have you ever worked shifts before?"... "No, I replied, I work days just now". "Have you ever worked with prions before?"... "Emm, no, I work with bacteria and viruses". "Have you ever traveled to Edinburgh to work on a daily basis?"... "Err, no, I live about 15 minutes away from my work at the moment". By now I could sense things weren't going as well as I had hoped. However, I felt much better as the interviewers asked me the next question. "Have you ever worked with mad cows before?" I am still not sure if I gave the answer they were looking for, but it seemed to do the trick as the interview ended very quickly after that.

Anyway, it was only two days later that I was contacted and they offered me the post. I had to think long and hard and deeply about my answer. I had to weigh up the pros and cons of each job, grasp the enormity of the task I was being asked to do, think carefully about what I would be giving up. I asked for some time to think and reflect and consider the offer. They agreed. 2 minutes later I phoned them back and accepted the position.

I am extremely grateful to everyone here for their help, assistance, guidance, sharing of knowledge, support and friendship during this time. I will miss the people here but I will always remember every part of my "fish days".

I think its time for a drink "



Stuart Millar left to work with mad cows.

I had the most brilliant evening of my "leaving do" and through Aquaculture News I would like to thank everyone very much for their effort and extreme generosity in making my last day at the Institute such a memorable one. Keep in touch.



Donald Baird moved to New Brunswick to work for Environment Canada.

New Lectureships

Three new lectureships were awarded following another excellent RAE grading.

Dave Little (Systems). No photo available because he is travelling as usual!



Andy Shinn (Disease).



David Penman (Genetics).

ASA boat trip



HRH Visit

