

Aquatic Resource Development by distance learning

The 1st March 2005 will mark the next milestone in the partnership between the Institute of Aquaculture and Faculty of Fisheries at BAU.

On the basis of the long and solid relationship between the two institutions, the Association of Commonwealth Universities has funded 25 scholarships that will form the foundation of a new distance learning course in Aquatic Resource Development. The course aims to fulfil current demands in Bangladesh for a quality postgraduate programme that will address issues central to the continued sustainable development of aquatic resources in the country. The programme builds upon the teaching skills available in both institutions to deliver a distance learning programme that will lead to a qualification from the University of Stirling.

Students are able to continue in their normal jobs whilst studying and to qualify for the MSc must undertake successful research related to their current job. Throughout their study students will have regular tutoring from BAU staff and in February every year students will attend two weeks of revision classes and sit exams invigilated by Stirling staff. The course will be delivered over three years, the first a foundation year, the second providing a choice of advanced units and the third comprising a thesis project. For successful completion of the first year students will obtain a Post Graduate Certificate. Achieving a good grade after two full years will mean a Post Graduate Diploma, with the MSc awarded after a thesis-focussed third year.

The advert shown here was used to advertise this year's course and any one interested in applying for entrance in 2006 should keep a note to contact us later in 2005.



UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING



Bangladesh Agricultural University



DISTANCE LEARNING IN AQUATIC RESOURCES

Are you working or interested in:

The broad area of Aquatic Resource Development BUT need further qualifications to advance your career AND are tied to work / family commitments in Bangladesh?

THEN, the new programmes in Aquatic Resource Development from the University of Stirling, in conjunction with Bangladesh Agricultural University – Mymensingh, are just what you have been looking for.

Masters / Postgraduate Diploma / Post Graduate Certificate by distance learning will enable you to attain an international post-graduate qualification whilst staying in Bangladesh. Working an estimated 8-10 hours per week, part-time study will allow you to work to your own schedule.

- Post-graduate certificate programme over 12 months
- Post-graduate diploma over 24 months
- Full Masters of Science over 36 months

Programmes will be delivered through web-based resources. The course will commence in March 2005.

Full Commonwealth scholarships are available to qualified applicants.

Entry requirements are Bachelors degree, English proficiency and computer literacy.

Find out more:

An application form can be downloaded from <http://secure.stir.ac.uk/~pgappwww/> or by contacting one of the course directors below. Completed forms can be sent by post or email to Professor Wahab which should reach him no later than 31st October 2004.

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Civic Award

Dr Dave Little and Anton Immink were awarded a City of Stirling Provost's Civic Award in October 2004 in recognition of the rice-fish research in Bangladesh and their promotion of the research findings. The awards were presented by the Provost, Colin O'Brien at a formal ceremony at Stirling Castle on Friday 29th October. Dr Benoy Barman from the World Fish Centre in Bangladesh, who is leading the field research was also at the dinner, along with Prof. Christina Sommerville (Dean) and Mrs Melanie Cruickshank. 20 awards are given every two years for outstanding local achievements from the academic, business, sport and voluntary sectors.

