

Out and About

Visitors to the Institute and where we've been

Visitors from the Institute of Marine Science, Burapha University, Chonburi, Thailand

In June, six Scientists from the Institute of Marine Science, Burapha University, Chonburi, Thailand visited the Institute of Aquaculture. They included the director of the Institute, Dr. Pichai Sonchaeng, and his deputy Dr. Vorathep Muthuwan, together with Dr. Saowapa Sawatpeera, head of Aquaculture, Dr. Supanee Lethochavalit, head of Parasitology, Mrs. Sukjai Rattanayuwakorn, the Institute's histologist and Ms. Wannapa Kasiroek, an immunologist from the Institute. Ms. Kasiroek stayed on after the visit for training

in fish immunology with Dr. Kim Thompson and parasitology with Dr Andy Shinn and Dr James Bron. The group's visit to Stirling lasted six days, during which time they had a chance to meet and discuss future collaborations with staff at the Institute of Aquaculture. The Institute of Marine Science at Burapha focuses on marine aquaculture. They are particularly interested in the culture of ornamental marine vertebrates and invertebrates, which live in coral reefs rounding Chonburi. Other areas of research at the Institute of Marine Science include work on macroalgae (*Gracilaria*, *Caulerpa*), marine aquaculture techniques and systems, live and artificial feed for marine species and fish pathology.



Figure 1. Dr Sonchaeng, the Director of the Institute of Marine Science at Burapha University, presenting Professor Richards with a memento from their Institute.

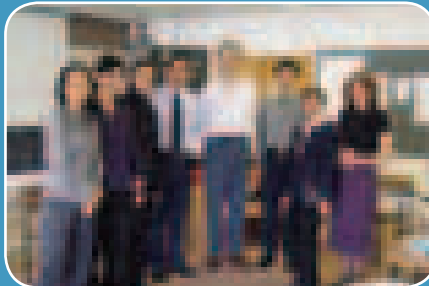
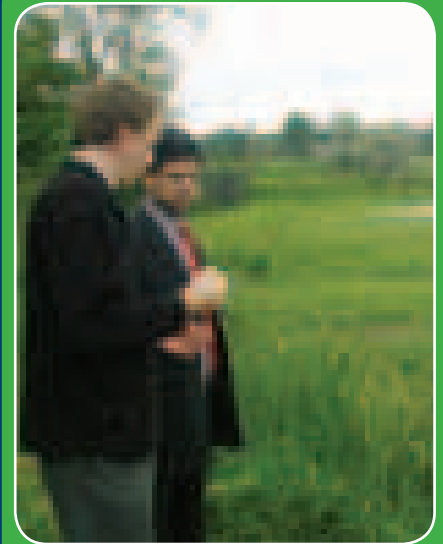
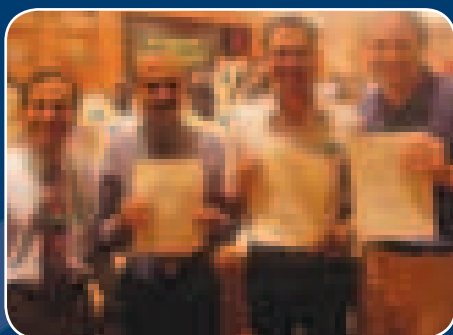


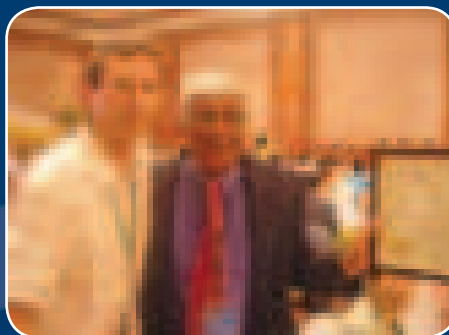
Figure 2. Visitors from the Institute of Marine Science, Burapha University, Chonburi, Thailand with Drs Dave Little and Kim Thompson. (From left to right: Mrs. Sukjai Rattanayuwakorn, Dr. Supanee Lethochavalit, Ms. Wannapa Kasiroek, Dr. Pichai Sonchaeng, Dr. Dave Little, Dr. Vorathep Muthuwan, Dr. Saowapa Sawatpeera and Dr Kim Thompson)



Dr Wali Uddin, Chairman of the Bangladesh British Chamber of Commerce, Honorary Bangladesh Consul to Scotland and Edinburgh businessman visited the Institute in May following our contact with the British Bangaldeshi community to further linkages as part of our celebrations of 25 year's collaboration. Dr Uddin is pictured here with Will Leschen at Howietoun fish farm.



The quality of research from the Stirling-Bangladesh partnership was recognised by the Asian Fisheries Society at their recent dinner during the 7th Asian Fisheries Forum, Penang, Malaysia, 2nd December 2004. Professor Wahab from BAU stands alongside his students Sharrif Uddin (from Department of Fisheries, Bangladesh) and Manjurul Karim (registered for a PhD at Stirling and conducting research in Bangladesh). Francis Murray from Stirling conducted his field work in Sri Lanka. The three were amongst five students recognised by the AFS for the high quality of their submitted abstracts.



Former Stirling student and staff member, now faculty at Deakin University, Dr Sena de Silva was awarded the Asian Fisheries Society Gold Medal for his contributions to aquaculture at the Society dinner during the 7th Asian Fisheries Forum held in Penang, Malaysia, on 2nd December 2004. Dave Little is photographed congratulating him.

The Institute had a successful stand at 'Aquaculture International 2004' held at the SECC in Glasgow from 19th-21st May.

A selection of staff promoted the Institute's teaching, research and commercial capabilities including (left to right): Catherine Lecouffe (Aquaculture Technology Centre), Garnet Hooper (Environmental Services), Trevor Telfer (Environmental Services) and John Bostock (Stirling Aquaculture)

