

SD news: One of last year's MSc Sustainable Development students has gone on to work with the team re-introducing the great bustard back into Britain. The great bustard is Britain's largest bird and has been brought back from extinction with juveniles from Russia. This year's class includes students from China, Bangladesh, Scotland, Spain. The class has a strong interest in the processes and indicators that ensure communities can develop sustainably and has already assessed how the Scottish malt whisky industry and the university could become more sustainable.



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Professor Alan Matty

The whole department was greatly saddened to learn of the death earlier this year of Alan Matty. I first met Alan back in 1975 when he supervised my own PhD at the University of Aston in Birmingham. At that time he was very active in building up a fish culture unit at Aston alongside Niall Bromage and I fondly remember converting the old gardeners store/garage on the Aston campus into a fish culture facility under his direction.

The shared office/lab accommodation for the fish researchers also housed the brewing and mushroom farming research groups and I can assure you that opportunities to combine outputs from these research areas into good substrates for a party were never missed. On the whole the fish culture group was extremely successful and turned out a number of postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers who went on to prominent roles in aquaculture.

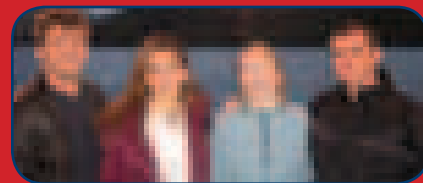
When I came to Stirling in 1979 my association with Alan continued and he went on to act as external examiner (1983-1986) for our MSc programme in Aquaculture. Alan finally joined the newly formed Unit of Aquaculture Nutrition in the Institute of Aquaculture, on a part-time basis, in 1986 as Professor of Fish Nutrition and for a number of years subsequently contributed to growth and development of this area.

All of his former students and colleagues will, I am sure, agree with me that his contribution to our field was significant and that he will be missed.

Kim Jauncey

ASA News

by Sean Kennedy



A new Aquaculture Students Association (ASA) committee was elected in October 2004 comprising a number of PhD students from various nationalities and fields of research. The role of President of ASA has been awarded to Vasileios Karalazos (Greece), currently working within the Institute's Nutrition group. This term's Vice President is Sean Kennedy (Scotland), also working within the Nutrition group. Saravanane Poobalane



Peter Wilson, awarded honorary degree in 2000

Peter Wilson, who died in January this year, will be sadly missed by friends and colleagues at the Institute. He was an active member of the Institute's Advisory Committee, providing strong guidance to deal with university issues and the Research Assessment Exercise. His strong international background in both the academic and commercial sides of agriculture has helped to focus the work of the Institute within the wider agricultural context. In recognition of his contribution to the work of the University, he was awarded with an honorary degree. He was a distinguished agriculturalist and a dedicated family man. Our thoughts remain with his family.