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One of the great strengths of the Institute of Aquaculture over the years has been the enormous variety of research areas and topics that we have addressed as part of our holistic approach to sustainable aquaculture. This issue of Aquaculture News is a good example of the present range of our research interests, including articles on topics as diverse as proliferative kidney disease of salmonids, maturation in cod using artificial lighting regimes, and aquatic vegetable culture in peri-urban environments in South East Asia. You will also see details of a new and extremely powerful research tool in the form of a gene "microchip" developed for salmonids, which opens up wide research opportunities for these species.

The Institute has long been known for its taught MSc courses in aquaculture and over the years we have trained many hundreds of students who have successfully applied the knowledge and expertise gained at Stirling in aquaculture worldwide. One of the major reasons our courses have retained their popularity over the years is the continual refinement and improvement made by staff to present the latest developments within aquaculture. As part of this process we have now carried out major revision and expansion of our courses to allow a number of new named outcomes, such as Aquaculture Nutrition, Aquaculture and the Environment and Aquaculture Business Management. The courses are now fully modularised which gives students enormous flexibility in how they accumulate credits towards their eventual qualification. Course modules are also completely self-contained and may be taken individually as part of Continuing Professional Development, a potentially valuable learning opportunity for those in full-time employment.

We believe these new courses will serve the needs of the aquaculture industry worldwide and will maintain the Institute's reputation as the leader in postgraduate education in aquaculture and related science.

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BACK COVER:	Catfish culture in Nigeria - a tank of catfish ready for harvest. Image courtesy of Dr Anu Frank-Lawale.

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