

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

In addition to the short courses periodically offered at the Institute, all our new credit bearing modules are now available for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) enabling professional training with the option of returning later to complete an academic programme and gain a University qualification. Any module can also be taken for non-academic training purposes without assessment.

The range of short course modules now offered includes:

- Aquaculture Engineering
- Aquatic Animal Biology and Health
- Aquatic Animal Production Systems
- Biodiversity and Sustainable Aquaculture

- Broodstock Management
- Economics and Marketing
- Environmental Management
- Epidemiology and Health Control
- Genetics and Reproduction
- Geographical Information Systems
- Immunology
- Livelihoods and Aquatic Resource Management
- Microbial Diseases
- Nutrition and Food safety
- Parasitology
- Policy, Planning and Management
- Practical Feed Production
- Sustainable Shrimp Culture
- Systemic Pathology and Histopathology

The full range of modules, their content and running dates can now be explored from the new professional short courses area of our website. The site also features a special training planner tool with which individual modules can be combined into a training

programme, with SCQF credit accumulation indicated. Participation on some of these modules may require a pre-requisite primer module or relevant experience. For enquiries please contact Dr. Trevor Telfer (t.c.telfer@stir.ac.uk) or Dr. Jimmy Turnbull (j.f.turnbull@stir.ac.uk)



New Distance Learning Certificate in Aquatic Animal Health

To meet the increasing demand for the provision of courses by distance learning, the Institute has adopted a blended approach, using a combination of both practical activities and web-supported learning. Using this approach, a new Postgraduate Certificate in Aquatic Animal Health was launched in October 2006 in response to requests from government affiliated bodies seeking Continuing Professional Development (CPD) provision. The Certificate aims to increase professional competency in understanding fish health, farm management practices and disease diagnosis and control.

This programme builds on the way aquatic animal health is taught within the Institute; aiming to overcome the perception of disease as the sole cause of health problems in aquatic animals. Instead a holistic approach to health management is taken which focuses on understanding biology, environment, genetics and nutrition in addition to specific diseases. These foundations strengthen the core diagnostic areas of the programme and enable participants to benefit from taking a systems approach, developing sound differential diagnoses and health management strategies. The programme is delivered through a combination of distance learning using WebCT (our Virtual Learning Environment) and practical sessions in Stirling and in the field. The first cohort of participants on the PG certificate in Aquatic Animal Health is a group of UK fish health inspectors. This programme will be available to other organisations and individuals in the near future.

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