

Staff & Student Update

Willie Hamilton

Willie Hamilton from the tropical aquarium married his long-time partner Michelle at Gretna Green on the 30th June 2006. Willie has now laid down 'the national dress challenge' to his colleague in the aquarium, Keith Ranson. So watch this space ...



Dr. Karl-Heinz Bogner

Being a graduate from the second course in the Institute (MSc in Aquatic Veterinary Studies 1974/75) I keep reading Aquaculture News with great interest.

duties, since my Stirling days my heart is still in the laboratory and I enjoy innovative work there and the personal motivation of younger colleagues.

I enclose a recent photograph of myself and one that was taken on Loch Lomond in 1975 during a field trip of our M.Sc. course, showing Thomas Murphy (sitting on the bottom) and (from the left to the right side) myself (where is all that hair gone?), Graham Cawley, Helen Smith, Peter Kirmsse and Jim Carlisle.



Caroline Wall

Caroline Wall married Dr Ian Griffin on 1st September in Stobo Kirk near Peebles. The reception, in a elegant marquee in the grounds of a family friend's home, included a

ceilidh enjoyed by everyone, including a significant crowd from the Institute. Ian has set up an environmental consultancy business and Caroline has returned to Environmental Services following their honeymoon in Cuba.

Four years ago the Bavarian Health and Food Safety Authority was founded and the two former veterinary, food and health investigation centres in Nuremberg and Erlangen were incorporated. I became the head of the veterinary investigation facilities in Erlangen, moving from Nuremberg where I was the head of the virology/serology unit.

I send my best regards to everybody I know since these days.

Polly Douglas

New baby Caitlin with big sister Ailsa and mum Polly enjoying their first moments together back in July 06.



What I had brought back from Stirling 32 years ago, besides my degree and a Scottish accent, was motivation for innovation that still works. Unfortunately there has not been too much fish work in our labs since 1980. In the 1990s I set up automated routine ELISA facilities with online data transfer to cope with masses of blood samples coming in due to EU eradication schemes against swine fever and Aujeszky's disease. Monitoring of bulk milk samples to ensure freedom from Bovine Leucosis and Brucellosis also had to be set up.

From the year 2000 I set up a diagnostic PCR lab from scratch, initially with only one part-time technician that soon had to cope with more than 10,000 tests per year. The highlight came last spring, as we had to examine 3,700 dead wild and domestic birds for Avian Influenza. There were days when up to 200 birds were delivered to the post mortem room. Setting up real-time-PCR for VHS, IHN and KHV brought me back to the fish field. You see, despite my administrative



Dr Krishen Rana

Dr Krishen Rana of the Institute of Aquaculture has been appointed Professor Extraordinary in Aquaculture at the Department

of Genetics, Stellenbosch University, South Africa from July 2006 to June 2009. The appointment is in recognition of his specialised expertise and will enable him to contribute to the academic programmes at Stellenbosch.



Madhab Pantha, MSc 1981-82, caught up with Dave Little during a recent trip to Nepal.