

**First Announcement**  
**International Workshop on Advanced**  
**Techniques in Sturgeon Fish Larviculture**

**(March 12-14, 2007)**

**Workshop Location: Artemia & Aquatic Animals Research  
Institute,  
Urmia University, Urmia – Iran**

An International Workshop on Advanced Techniques in Larviculture of Sturgeon Fish will be held from 12 to 15 March 2007 at the Artemia & Aquatic Animals Research Institute, Urmia University, Urmia, Iran. This workshop will be organized with the cooperation of national and international organizations/institutes and prominent experts are invited from Iran, Belgium, France, Italy, Russia, Germany and USA. Aim of the workshop will be to learn more about the advanced techniques used in Larviculture and Aquaculture and how they can be applied to improve common practice in sturgeon rearing.

**Organizers:**

1. Center for International Research and Collaborations (ISMO)
2. Artemia & Aquatic Animals Research Institute, Urmia University (AAARI)
3. Iranian Fisheries Research Organization (IFRO)
4. Artemia Reference Center, University of Ghent, Belgium (ARC)
5. World Sturgeon Conservation Society (WSCS)

**Subject areas**

1. Techniques used in induced spawning of the Sturgeons
2. Techniques and protocols for improved egg care during incubation and , hatching
3. Nutritional requirements and feeding strategies for weaning of sturgeon larvae
4. Disease and disease control in Sturgeon fish Larviculture

**Call for abstracts and manuscript submission:**

Researchers and experts are invited to submit their original research papers any of the above mentioned subject areas. Deadline for abstract submission is January 30, 2007. Abstracts/extended abstracts should be

prepared at a maximum length of three to four pages (double spaced) and submitted by e-mail to:

[n.agh@mail/urmia.ac.ir](mailto:n.agh@mail/urmia.ac.ir) or [agh1960@yahoo.com](mailto:agh1960@yahoo.com)

### **Deadline for full Manuscript submission and Publication of the Proceedings**

Authors are requested to send their final manuscripts in advance of the meeting or bring the final version with them to the Workshop. The papers will go through peer review process and it is intended to publish the accepted papers as a special issue of the Journal of Applied Ichthyology which is the Official Journal of the World Sturgeon Conservation Society (one of the Co-organizers of the Workshop)

### **Participation**

The Registration form for the workshop is available upon request from any of the addresses below (AAARI or ISMO). It is also available on the web site (<http://www.urmia.ac.ir/artemia>) and may be filled out and sent by fax to the two following local organizers

#### **Center for International Research and Collaboration (ISMO)**

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### **Travel**

Participants should book their flights to Tehran with a continuation by domestic flights to Oromieh. At a later date, details on immigration procedures at the international airport and on transfers from the international to the domestic airport in Tehran will be provided. Special Advice for participating women: In Iran it is obligatory that

women carry a scarf at all times and long sleeves. Please obtain detailed information from the respective Iranian Embassy in your country.

**Accommodation:**

Information on local accommodation and hotel addresses with their business links (telephone, fax, and e-mails) will be provided to those who have sent in their registration form.

**Visa application:**

Once you have registered with the office of the local organizers you will receive an official invitation letter and further instructions on how to apply for your visa. Because of the required processing time, we urge you to apply for your visa immediately after you have received the invitation letter. Visa processing can take up to 4 -5 weeks or longer (depending on country).

**Registration Fees:**

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| 1. For Iranian Participants: | 1,000,000.00 Rials |
| 2. For Foreign Participants: | 300.00 US\$        |

The registration Fee includes: Participation in all Lecturers and workshops, Abstract Book, Room in 4 Star Hotel, Food and local transportations at Urmia

**Deadline for registration: 31 January. 2007**