

Part I Organization

1. Management Organization

The AquaFish Innovation Lab Yang Yi Young Scientists Travel Fund (YYA) was set up by AquaFish Innovation Lab, USA to memorialize Prof. Yang Yi, a former senior staff member of the Shanghai Ocean University and a past president of the Asian Fisheries Society (AFS). It is expected to support excellent young scientists to present their findings at the triennial Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF) run by the AFS. The AFS Award Committee will be responsible for finalizing the awards with the assistant of the Executive Officer based at the AFS Secretariat.

2. AFS Executive Officer at the AFS Secretariat

The award will be administered by the AFS Executive Officer at the AFS Secretariat, Marine Biotechnology, Institute of Bioscience (MARSLAB) University Putra Malaysia 43400 UPM Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia.

Part II Award Beneficiary, Scope

3. Beneficiary

The AquaFish-Innovation Lab Yang Yi Travel fund will support the international travel of two young scientists (less than 35 years old) who already have a Ph.D. Degree or who are Ph.D. students (less than 35 years old) to attend the triennial AFAF run by the AFS. Applications are welcome from all qualified young scientists residing in the Asia-Pacific (AP) region as defined by the AFS Constitution. Young scientists involved in the AquaFish Innovation Lab projects in the AP region are strongly encouraged to apply to attend the forum and to present their research findings.

4. Scope

In 2016, the travel fund will support two young scientists (one male and one female) to attend the 11th AFAF to be held in Bangkok, Thailand between 3rd and 7th August 2016. The travel fund will cover economy return tickets (up to US\$700), conference registration fee (US\$300), 4 nights' accommodation (US\$250), and out of pocket expenses (US\$250) – a total of US\$1,500 for each of the two successful awardees.

5. Each winner of the award must be able to:

- 1) Present his/her research findings at the 11AFAF as an oral presentation.
- 2) Acknowledged the AFS AquaFish Innovation Lab Yang Yi Young Scientist Travel Fund in his/her presentation.

Part III Application and Selection Process**6. Application time**

Six months before the AFAF, the AFS secretariat will make an announcement on the AFS website: www.asianfisheriessociety.org and inform the AquaFish Innovation Lab to notify all its researchers and invite suitably qualified applications to apply for the travel awards.

7. Selection Process

- The Chair of AFS Awards and Scholarships committee will manage the selection process with up to 3 other co-opted senior scientists from the Asian Fisheries Society. The Selection Committee (SC) shall complete its work and the two winners will be announced at least 3 months before the triennial forum of AFS.
- In finalizing the selection process, the SC will ensure the following are considered:
 - Conflicts of interest will be openly declared.
 - SC members will not rank applicants from their own institution.
 - SC will consider regional and gender diversity when reviewing applications.
- Once a decision is made, the EO, AFS will inform the two successful winners.

Part V Exit Strategy

The winners are expected to submit a copy of his/her abstract and presentation to the Secretariat AquaFish Innovation Lab no later than one week following their presentation at the AFS triennial forum along with at least one photo (of the winner giving the presentation and/or accepting the award) for website usage.