3rd International Conference on Aquatic Animal Epidemiology, inaugurated at ICAR-NBFGR

The "3rd International Conference on Aquatic Animal Epidemiology", under the auspices of the International Society of Aquatic Animal Epidemiology, is inaugurated at ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow on 29.11.2023. This esteemed gathering, organised by the ICAR in collaboration with the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) and Aquatic Biodiversity Conservation Society (ABCS), represents a milestone in the collective journey towards understanding and managing aquatic animal health. On this occasion, Chief Guest Dr. Kenton L. Morgan, Former Emeritus Professor of Epidemiology, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom; Deputy Director General (Fisheries Science), ICAR, New Delhi & Convener, AquaEpi III, Dr. J. K. Jena; Guest of Honours, Dr. Edgar Brun, Director, Dept. of Aquatic Animal Health and Welfare, Norwegian Veterinary Institute, Norway; Dr. Iddya Karunasagar, Rtd. Senior Fisheries Officer, FAO & FAO Reference Center for AMR and Aquaculture Biosecurity, Nitte University, Mangalore, Esteemed officials from the International Society of Aquatic Animal Epidemiology, ICAR, NFDB, ABCS, and partners from fisheries research institutes and universities, Keynote & Lead Speakers, more than 250 distinguished delegates, officials from various departments, fishers & fish-farmers, and researchers were part of the inaugural ceremony. While welcoming the delegates, Dr Uttam Kumar Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NBFGR & Co-Convener of the conference mentioned the importance of the conference and the initiatives of ICAR-NBFGR in this line. Dr. Neeraj Sood, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBFGR & Organizing Secretary, introduced the history & concept of the conference. Directors of ICAR institutes namely ICAR-IISR, ICAR-CIFRI, ICAR-CIFA also graced the occasion. Dr. P.K. Pradhan, Principal Scientist & Head, Exotics and Aquatic Animal Health Division, ICAR-NBFGR & Organizing Secretary rendered the vote of thanks.