

AquaEpi III Conference concluded with Key Epidemiological Decisions

The AquaEpi III, an international conference on aquatic animal epidemiology, concluded recently in Lucknow, India. Organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the International Society of Aquatic Animal Epidemiology, in collaboration with NFDB & ABCS, hosted at ICAR National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, the event saw participation from around 210 delegates, including 25 international experts from 10 countries. Dr. Neeraj Sood was elected as President of ISAAE during the conference, which featured 9 technical and several poster sessions focused on various epidemiological aspects. The next AquaEpi IV is scheduled for 2026 in Chile.

Dr. P.K. Sahoo, the chief guest, emphasized the importance of understanding fish disease processes and their epidemiology. The event, lauded for its contributions to epidemiological research, was attended by notable guests including Dr. Jitendra Kumar, Dr. Flavio Corsin, Dr. Fernando O Mardones, Dr. Saraya Tavoranpanich, and Dr. Chris Hauton, who highlighted the significance of the conference's recommendations for fish farmers. Dr. U.K Sarkar, the co-convenor, stressed the need for robust databases for managing fish diseases. The conference, summarized by Dr. Anutosh Paria, ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. C.B. Kumar.

