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3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress (3WSFC)



Want to add your voice to the discussion about the future of small-scale fisheries?

Then be sure to participate in the upcoming 3rd World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress (3WSFC), which will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 22-26 October 2018.

3WSFC is the premier forum for researchers, students, young professionals, practitioners, fishers and fishers' organizations, environmental groups, and policymakers to share information about all aspects of small-scale fisheries and to formulate action plans and capacity development programs to support the implementation of the SSF Guidelines.

For more information about the congress, visit the 3WSFC website.

3WSFC IMPORTANT NOTICE

The regular Call for Abstracts has been closed. There may be special calls in the future for various aspects of the program. Stay tuned.

TBTI training program

TBTI will soon announce the call for applications to the TBTI 'Training- of-the-Trainers' program on 'Transdisciplinarity in Fisheries'. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the transdisciplinary approach in fisheries through a dynamic program that consist of online and in-situ components.

Participation in the 3WSFC is also part of the training program, so be sure to keep an eye on the congress website for the upcoming announcement and call for applications.



TBTI ACTIVITY

Join us at the 'Food from the Sea: is-Sajda u t-Tisjira' event, June 21-22, Qormi, Malta



For the first time ever, Malta will be hosting a small-scale fisheries event in June 2018 as part of the European Maritime Day celebrations. 'Food from the Sea: is-Sajda u t-Tisjira' will be co-organized by:

- **Malta Centre for Arts Science and Technology (MCAST-CAAAS)**
- **Mediterranean Culinary Academy (MCA)**
- **Too Big To Ignore**

This event is an important milestone that echoes the regional efforts of the MedFish4ever campaign to save the Mediterranean stocks and protect the regions' socio-economic wealth, as well provide an important illustration of how small-scale fisheries should be integrated within the EU Blue Growth strategy.

The first day, June 21, will include a stakeholder dialogue between local fishing communities, education and training institutes, academia, national authorities and maritime entities, A poster session to highlight current small-scale fisheries research in the Mediterranean will also be organized by MCAST-CAAAS. In the afternoon, the Mediterranean Culinary Academy team will organize a cooking session to promote underutilized fish species. The second day, will entail a visit to the fishing community in Marsaxlokk.

For more information about the event, [click here](#).

TBTI ACTIVITY REPORTS

TBTI at the 'Cod – Building the Fishery of the Future Conference', Gander, Canada, Nov 28-29, 2017



With the Northern cod stock rebuilding, how does Newfoundland and Labrador create a competitive, sustainable and viable cod fishery for the future?

Discussing this question was the goal of the Cod – Building the Fishery of the Future Conference held in Gander, Newfoundland from 28 to 29 of November 2017, attended by the TBTI PhD candidate Miguel Lorenzi.

Participants discussed path towards creating a sustainable, globally competitive cod fishery that could be particularly attractive to the youth. It was commonly agreed that Newfoundland and Labrador cod fishery will need to invest in harvesting and processing technologies, including boats, and market strategies in order to become viable and competitive.

For more details, [click here](#).

Earlier this month, TBTI PhD candidate Miguel Lorenzi gave an interview to the CBC radio about '**The Fishing Boat Project**', a study about the characteristics and diversity of fishing boats around the world. To hear the entire interview, [click here](#).

As part of his PhD research Miguel is conducting a short survey about the ways fishing boats change due to social, economic and environmental factors as part of his PhD research.

The survey will only take 3 minutes to complete. [Click here to participate](#).

TBTI PhD student interviewed about his 'Fishing Boat Project'



OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Shannon Bower** for successfully defending her thesis on '**Advancing an integrated framework for assessment of emerging catch-and-release recreational fisheries in the developing world**'. Shannon studied the growth of recreational fisheries in developing and emerging economies, using a social-ecological systems approach to understand the biological, social, and economic dynamics of catch-and-release fisheries.

Shannon was studying at the Carlton University, Canada under the supervision of Dr. Steven Cooke. She is also one of coordinators of the **TBTI 'Inland Fisheries'** research cluster.

For more information about her research, [click here](#).

Meet TBTI member of the week



Pekka Salmi is a fisheries sociologist working at the Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) in Turku. Throughout his career he has studied opportunities, constraints and governance systems regarding small-scale commercial fisheries in coastal and lake areas.

Pekka's research has also focused on recreational fisheries, fish farming and private water ownership. He has published numerous research- and popular articles, book chapters and reports.

For more information about his research, [click here](#).

ABOUT

Too Big To Ignore is a global research network and knowledge mobilization partnership that focuses on addressing issues and concerns affecting viability and sustainability of small-scale fisheries.

If you have any comments or feedback you would like to share with us, send us an email to toobigtoignore@mun.ca. We also encourage you to visit our website to find out more about the project and how to engage.

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