

## Annex 3<sup>1</sup>

### Proposed Joint Activities for 2008-2009

- a) Improve access to electronic full text fisheries and aquatic science publications through promotion of internationally accepted standards, development of local and regional repositories and promotion of Open Access. In particular, work with institutions with digital repositories that are not OAI compliant to adopt this standard.

- *Information and knowledge sharing. FAO Fisheries Technical Guidelines for Responsible Fisheries. No. 12. Rome, FAO. 2009. 97p. (see [ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/011/i0587e/i0587e00.pdf](http://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/011/i0587e/i0587e00.pdf)) Collaboration between Janet Webster, Chandrika Sharma, Ian Pettman, Jean Collins and others. Published in English (2009), French (2009), Spanish (2009) and Chinese (2010).*

- b) Promote the development and use of the Aquatic Commons. Participate as members of the Aquatic Commons Board and its Working Groups to further develop the system and build content. Explore funding opportunities and provide support to ensure full participation by developing country members.

- *Case studies on digitization of developing country fisheries publications which are held by the FAO Library for institutions in Nigeria, Uganda, Malawi and Thailand for inclusion in Aquatic Commons (AC).*
- *J. Parker - Visiting Expert - September-October 2008.*
- *Fisheries and Aquaculture Branch Library (FBL) and ASFA staff (J. Collins, H. Wibley) members of the AC Board and AC Collection Development Working Group.*
- *Letter of Agreement FAO and Florida Center for Library Automation (USA) to implement AC enhancements (addition issuing agency field; offline batch loading functionality; additional languages, French and Spanish).*
- *S. Haas, P. Merrikin, A. Gribling and F. Merceur. 2009. The Aquatic Commons model: the roles of IAMSLIC, FAO and IFREMER in supporting open access to fisheries and aquaculture research and management. Presented at IFLA: <http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla75/101-haas-en.pdf>.*

- c) Promote integration of AVANO as a discovery tool among the fisheries and aquatic science sectors.

- *FAO fisheries and aquaculture publications and documents now harvested by AVANO (see <http://www.ifremer.fr/avano/>).*

- d) Improve coverage of and access to fisheries publications from developing countries in the IAMSLIC Z39.50 distributed library system and development of regional resources sharing mechanisms.

- *FBL's unique titles in the Z 39.50 are kept up-to-date.*

- e) Promote collaboration and networking between fisheries and aquatic science libraries by promoting membership in IAMSLIC, supporting current IAMSLIC regional groups and

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<sup>1</sup> Annex 3 describes the proposed joint activities for the biennium 2008-2009. It is an updated Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding between IAMSLIC and FAO on Fisheries Information Systems and Services, signed by FAO on 31 January 2005 and by IAMSLIC on 7 February 2005, and it is subject to the same provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding.

encouraging the development of an Asian regional group of IAMSLIC.

- *FBL staff (J. Collins, A. Gribling) participating in IAMSLIC Membership Committee.*
- *IAMSLIC membership sponsored by ASFA (approx 30 ASFA Partners in developing countries).*

f) Improve access to the metadata of fisheries and aquatic science publications from developing countries through increased coverage in the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) database.

- *ASFA Trust Fund Project initiated by FBL: records digitized and deposited into AC; ASFA records updated with AC link; and newly created ASFA records will contain AC link.*

g) Improve linkages from ASFA to full text Open Access resources with a priority given to FAO fisheries documents.

- *Janet Webster worked with CSA to link PICES publications in ASFA records;*
- *Proquest is being provided with links to FAO documents.*

h) Provide expert user feedback from IAMSLIC to the FAO ASFA Secretariat regarding the ASFA database and user requirements.

- *Liaison between IAMSLIC and FAO ASFA Secretariat regarding importance of including grey literature in the ASFA database;*
- *ASFA Partners scanning the grey literature and depositing the full text in Aquatic Commons, and other repositories.*

i) Investigate ways to assess the impact of FAO publications on fisheries and aquaculture.

- *Parker, J., D. Doulman and J. Collins. 2010 - Citation analysis for the 1995 FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. Marine Policy 34: 139–144*

j) Review status of joint activities and produce draft outline of activities for 2010-2011 biennium.