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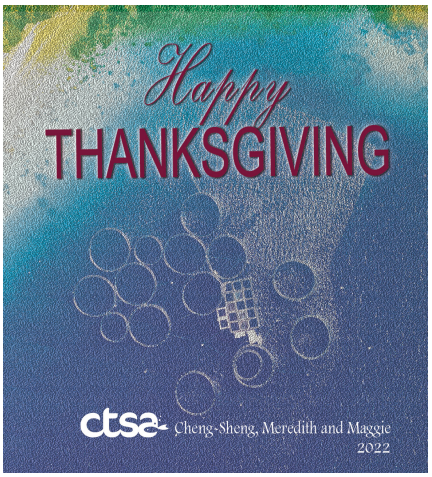


Aloha,

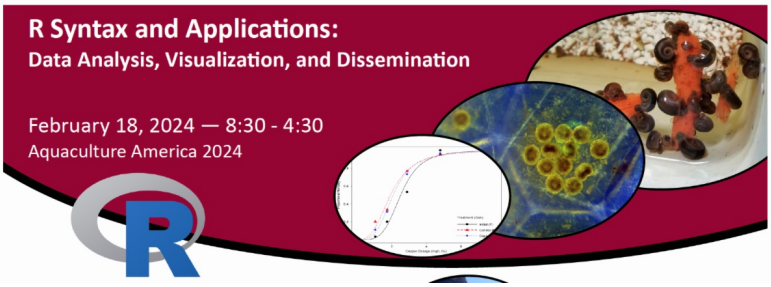
As we celebrate the season of gratitude, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of the people who share their time and energy to improve sustainable aquaculture development in the Pacific region. Our Center would not be able to perform its duties without the dedicated input of our many committee members and volunteers, several of whom are retired in some capacity yet continue to share their expertise to shepherd the future growth of aquaculture.

I am a firm believer that our program benefits greatly from those with decades of experience, particularly when it comes to institutional knowledge and breadth of proficiency. There are many people in my generation discovering that our lifetimes of experiences can be applied to meaningful work, both before and during 'retirement.'

Remaining active in the pursuit of sustainable food security is a primary focus of our program, and is a shared goal among those who volunteer for CTSA. Within the CTSA region, one of the most efficient ways to increase our food self-reliance is to produce food utilizing our most significant natural resource: the ocean. To achieve this, we must work together to develop circular food systems that limit waste. Several of our stakeholders and funded projects have focused on this objective, and I am happy to see that Conservation International Hawai'i also highlighted no waste cooking to celebrate seafood month in October. Using all parts of a fish is becoming a prevalent trend that we are happy to see more of in the marathon towards a secure, sustainable seafood supply.

Mahalo,
Dr. Cheng-Sheng Lee
Executive Director, CTSA

Registration Open for Continuing Education R Syntax and Applications Workshop at Aquaculture America



The U.S. Aquaculture Society (USAS) and the Fish Culture Section of the American Fisheries Society (AFS-FCS) are offering a Continuing Education R Syntax and Applications Workshop at the upcoming Aquaculture America Meeting in San Antonio (meeting dates February 18 – 21, 2024):

R Syntax and Applications: Data Analysis, Visualization, and Dissemination
Date: February 18, 2024 / Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Today's scientists, students, and data analysts have many choices in software for data management, statistical testing, and data visualization. Some of the most popular software options, such as SAS, JMP, and STATA require the user (or company) to purchase licenses for use. However, more and more freely available statistical software options are becoming available. R and RStudio provide a powerful, modular platform for data analysis, visualization, and much more. The community-driven aspects of R/RStudio allow for the creation of new packages with ever-evolving applications ranging from simple hypothesis testing to text mining and analysis to interactive apps. Introducing students and scientists to the coding syntax and basic applications of R/RStudio will provide more reproducible analyses, as well as improved collaboration and communication. Come and learn everything from basic commands and importing data, to creating visually-appealing plots and more!

Registration for the R Syntax and Applications Workshop can be completed on the World Aquaculture Society website at www.was.org (within the meeting registration). Questions? Contact Adriane Michaelis amichaelis@vims.edu

Registration Open for Limu Classes at Windward College

AquaClip: Docuseries to Showcase Aquaculture on Mainstream TV

PBS has announced it is set to screen a three-part docuseries, Hope in the Water, which highlights the stories of aquaculture and fisheries innovators who are working toward a sustainable future for the planet.

In the three-part PBS docuseries, produced by multi-award-winning producer David E Kelley (“Love & Death,” “Lincoln Lawyer,” “Big Little Lies”) in collaboration with four-time James Beard Award and Emmy Award winner chef Andrew Zimmern, Hope in the Water - which is being screened in 2024 - travels around the world to discover innovative blue food technologies that aim to feed the growing population.

“We’re particularly excited about Hope in the Water’s potential to reach broad audiences thanks to the powerful voices at the forefront of the series, who demonstrate the possibilities of a more sustainable future,” said Bill Gardner, vice-president, multiplatform programming and head of development at PBS, in a

press release. “With a commitment to extensive public engagement around the series, we aim to not only bring compelling and authentic documentary content to audiences but also to connect and strengthen voices, people and communities with real world ways to make a difference.”

The show will highlight environmental enthusiasts Shailene Woodley, Martha Stewart, José Andrés and Baratunde Thurston, who reveal hidden underworlds threatened by climate change, irresponsible fishing and exploitation, and habitat destruction.

“Through Hope in the Water we are on a mission to reimagine a planet where both ecological balance and food abundance are possible. Our series is a fresh take on how we can rewrite menus worldwide that will create meaningful and lasting impact for generations to come,” said David E Kelley.

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