

## **Report of the Evaluation Team on the Aquaculture Sessions**

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The presentations were excellent and provided a global summary of successful aquaculture programs and some expansions of these programs that could be expected in the next few years.

Questions and comments from the floor indicated the continuing intense interest in aquaculture as a direct means of providing commercial quantities of seafood. Obviously, continued reports and papers on aquaculture should be included in future programs of the annual meetings of the institute.

The evaluation team unanimously recommends that the aquaculture session next year target species and potentials specifically adaptable to the islands and Gulf and Caribbean countries. The need for home produced seafood is critical and many of the communities have sparse natural sources to draw on.