

Report for the International Students' Conference on Globalization of Fisheries Education: Challenges and Opportunities- 2024

The International Students' Conference on *Globalization of Fisheries Education: Challenges and Opportunities* was held virtually on November 21-22, 2024. Organized by ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Mumbai, this event was a significant initiative aimed at promoting movement of fisheries and aquatic science students across the globe for their higher studies along with students-to-students cooperation

The conference witnessed remarkable participation, with over 1,500 invitations sent out. A total of 1,087 registrations were recorded, and 650 students and research scholars actively engaged in both the conference days. Participants represented from 22 countries, including Germany, France, USA, UK, Czech Republic, and others. This diversity highlighted the global significance of the event. The program was coordinated and conducted by the students and facilitated by the faculty members.

Conference Themes

The conference explored crucial themes relevant to higher education in fisheries, such as:

- Cost of Education including sponsorship and fellowship avenues.
- Liberty and Flexibility in education systems, focusing on inter-disciplinary movement and part-time work opportunities.
- Ethics and Values, emphasizing social equity, cultural integration, safety and environmental safeguards.

The sessions were designed to guide students who are planning to pursue higher education abroad, addressing the key challenges and opportunities in fisheries education globally.

Distinguished Speakers and Discussions:

The event featured 20 esteemed panel speakers, many of them were ICAR-CIFE alumni now pursuing higher education abroad. They shared invaluable insights from their journeys, inspiring participants. The conference featured esteemed panelists across three key sessions. The session on **Ethics and Values** included Dr. Srihari M (Germany), Sonali Singh (Netherlands), Kashvi Kajal (France), Irene P. Daet (Philippines), and Suguna P (Thailand), who provided valuable insights into the principles guiding academic and professional integrity. The session on **Cost of Education** was led by Lokesh Pawar (Sweden), Shriyas Timbadia (USA), Irshad Ahmad Hajam (USA), Siva N (Japan), and

Gokulprasanth Murugan (Thailand), focusing on funding avenues, fee structures, and financial planning for students. The session on **Liberty, Flexibility, and Placement** highlighted opportunities in interdisciplinary learning and global employability, with contributions from Gunjan Negi (Canada), Dr. Sivagurunathan U (Spain), Gururaj Moorthy (Thailand), Phibi Philip Naduvathu (USA), Kishor Gowda (Australia), Sofia Priyadarsani Das (Taiwan), and Antoine Cowet (France). Their discussions enriched the conference and empowered participants with actionable strategies for global education in fisheries.

Team.: The following individuals played key roles in ensuring the event's success:

- **Student Organising Team:** Ms. Sonam Angmo, Ms. Kenyum, Ms. Venisza, Ms. Krishna Veni, Ms. Dharani M, Mr. Shine Jose, Ms. Isha Kumari, Ms. Sheetal, Ms. Sneha, Ms. Shivangi Bhatt, Ms. Kriti Kumari, Ms. Manisha Verma, Ms. Prachi, Ms. Gopika, Ms. Jayapratha, Mr. Mahesh Sharma, Ms. Christina, Ms. Puja, Ms. Vasanthi, Mr. Pritam for their dedicated efforts in ensuring the event's success and representing ICAR-CIFE on a global platform.
- **Organizing Committee:** Dr. B. B. Nayak (Convenor), Dr. A. K. Verma (Organizing Secretary), Co-organising secretaries are Dr Vinod K Yadav, Dr Monalisha Devi, Dr. Sikendar Kumar Dr. Kiral Rasal, Mrs. Bharathi Rathinam and Mr. Abuthagir Iburahim

The event was conceptualised and supervised by **Director Dr. C.N. Ravishankar** and **Joint Director Dr. N.P. Sahu** of ICAR-CIFE. Their guidance and leadership were instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution of the conference. Their support significantly contributed to the event's remarkable success on a global scale.

Impact and Vision

Aligned with the ethos of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family)** promoted by Prime minister during G20 summits, the conference underscored India's commitment to bridging educational disparities and enhancing global collaboration. It created a platform for students and researchers to connect, exchange knowledge, and explore opportunities in the fisheries sector.

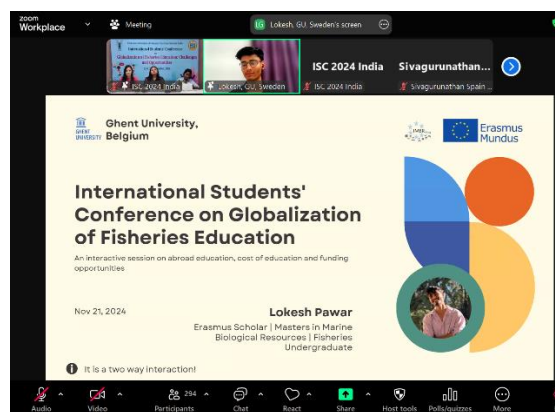
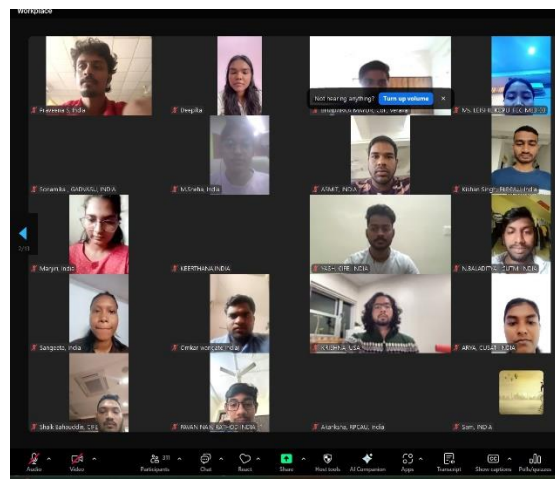
The event reinforced ICAR-CIFE's legacy of advancing fisheries education and research while preparing students to excel in a globally interconnected world.

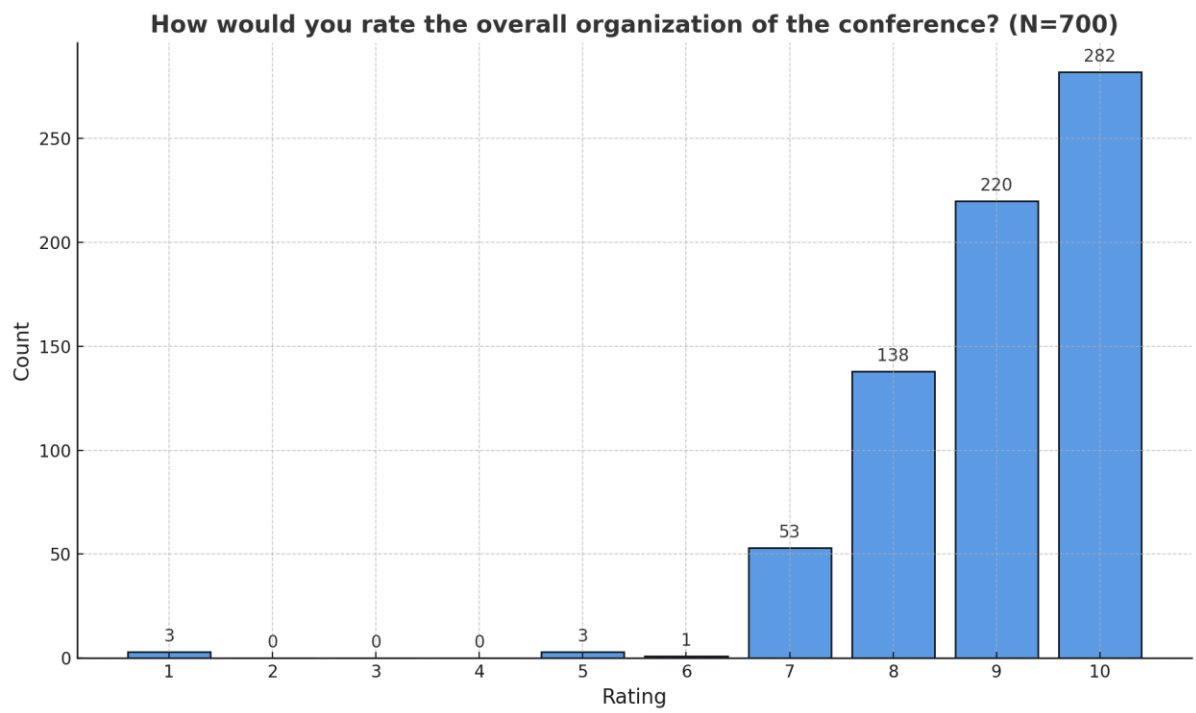
Conclusion

The conference was a resounding success, reflecting ICAR-CIFE's mission to empower the next generation of fisheries professionals. Congratulations to all participants and organizers for their contributions. Such initiatives are pivotal in shaping the future of fisheries education and fostering global unity.

Glimpses of the Programme







Feedback of the participants (N=700)