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PREFACE

The United States and Japanese counterpart panels on Aquaculture were formed in 1969 under the United States-Japan Cooperative Program in Natural Resources (UJNR). The UJNR Aquaculture Panel currently includes specialists drawn from the government and academic departments most concerned with aquaculture. Charged with exploring and developing bilateral cooperation, the panels have focused their efforts on exchanging information related to aquaculture that could be of benefit to both countries.

The UJNR was begun during the Third Cabinet Level Meeting of the Joint United States-Japan Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs in January 1964. In addition to aquaculture, current subjects in the program include toxic microorganisms, energy, forage crops, national park management, mycoplasmosis, wind and seismic effects, protein resources, forestry, and several joint panels and committees in marine resource research, development, and utilization.

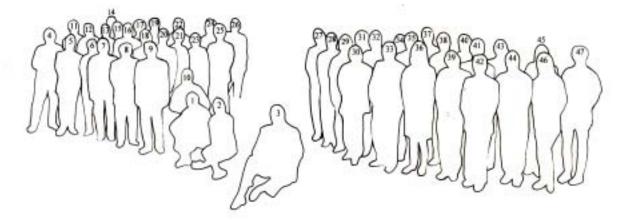
Accomplishments of the Aquaculture panel include: increased communication and cooperation among technical specialists; exchanges of scientists and students; focus of efforts to issues of major international concerns such as disease transmission and stock enhancement; exchanges of information, data, and research findings; annual meetings of the panel; administrative staff meetings; exchanges of equipment, materials, and samples; several major technical conferences; and beneficial effects of international relations.

The 30th U.S.-Japan Aquaculture Panel Business Meeting, a scientific symposium, and several field trips were held from December 2-7 2001 at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Florida and at sites throughout Central Florida. The scientific symposium was organized by Dr. Kenneth Leber and his staff at Mote Marine Laboratory. The editors gratefully acknowledge the many hours of hard work by Sondra Fox and Kim Churchill spent editing and compiling these proceedings.

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