



# AFSSRN BULLETIN

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE AFSSRN CHAIR

Dear Fellow AFSSRN,

Greetings!



Having been elected as AFSSRN Chair (2021 - 2024) during the General Assembly at the Joint 6th International Conference for Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (ICFAS 6) and the Asian Fisheries Social Science Research Network Forum One (AFSSRN F1) on 24 November 2021, I look forward to serving the AFSSRN with vigor and commitment.

Together we will meet the purpose of AFSSRN to promote advance in knowledge on fisheries and aquaculture social sciences through research and the translation and utilization of its results. Let us be the collective voice of the social scientists as we face the challenges besetting the fisheries and aquaculture sector we want to serve. Let us be the avenue for opportunities for fisheries social science researchers as we live the AFSSRN vision, hence, contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

I am humbled by the trust given to me. As we are in this together, I enjoin you all to actively get engaged in forthcoming AFSSRN initiatives. This AFSSRN Bulletin is my platform to reach you all. Please feel free to send me an email at [mbsumagaysay@up.edu.ph](mailto:mbsumagaysay@up.edu.ph), and tell us about your scholarly works and community activities.

Thank you.

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Founding Member, Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries Section, AFS  
National Gender Resource Pool Member, Philippine Commission on Women  
Executive Director (2015-2022), National Research Council of the Philippines  
Member, Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology  
Past President, National Network on Women in Fisheries of the Philippines (WINFISH)

## AFSSRN conducts Fisheries Social Scientists Assembly

Hosted by the University of the Philippines Visayas, the 1st AFSSRN Forum was virtually held jointly with the 6th ICFAS, on 24-26 November 2021 under the leadership of AFS President, Dr. Alice Joan G. Ferrer. The keynote message, delivered by Professor Emeritus Robert Pomeroy of the University of Connecticut - Avery Point, USA focused on economic conditions and ecosystem changes. the challenges of sustainable aquaculture and fisheries namely: weak governance, socio economic conditions, and ecosystem changes. He presented a social science research agenda for the Asian region to address issues, and to create opportunities. He emphasized the role of social science and the scientists in meeting the challenges through a broader and multidisciplinary approach.

Joint International Conference  
Sixth International Conference for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (ICFAS 6)  
Asian Fisheries Social Science Research Network Forum One (AFSSRN F1)  
24 - 26 November 2021, via ZOOM

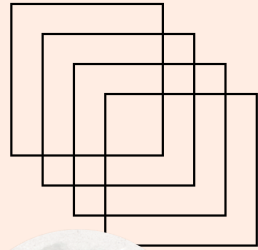
ICFAS 2021 AFSSRN F1

The Science and Art of Fisheries and Aquaculture: Life Above and Below Waters

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*Keynote Speaker*  
Social Scientists Assembly  
24 November 2021 | 3:00 PM  
**DR. ROBERT POMEROY**  
Professor and Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Specialist  
University of Connecticut-Avery Point Campus Groton  
CT USA

# MEET THE AFSSRN EXECOM 2021-2024



**Dr. Marieta Bañez Sumagaysay**  
Chair (PHILIPPINES)



**Dr. Nikita Gopal**  
Vice-Chair (INDIA)



**Dr. Gay Defiesta**  
Secretary (PHILIPPINES)



**Dr. Zarirah Binti Mohamed Zulperi**  
Treasurer (MALAYSIA)



**Dr. Armen Zulham**  
Member (INDONESIA)



**Asst Prof. Paul Joseph Ramirez**  
Member (PHILIPPINES)



**Dr. Neha Qureshi**  
Member (INDIA)



**Mr. Benedict Carmelita**  
Member (PHILIPPINES)

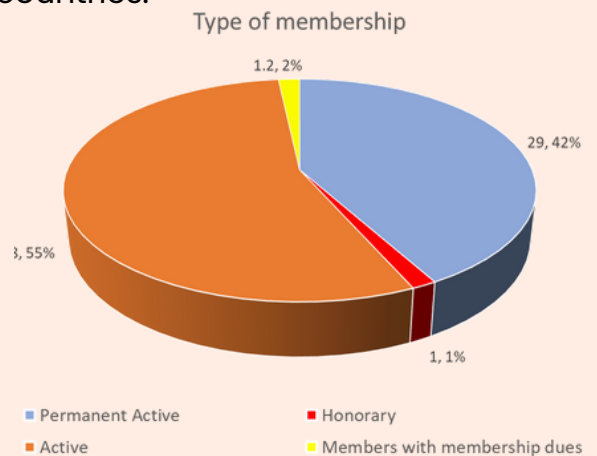


**Dr. Alice Joan G. Ferrer**  
Immediate Past President

**Dr. Kripa Vasanth**  
Member (INDIA)

In 1996, the Asian Fisheries Social Science Research Network (AFSSRN) became a section of the Asian Fisheries Society (AFS). Its By-laws was ratified in August 2019 following the Joint GAFS and AFSSRN Assembly held during the 12th AFAF Conference in Iloilo City. The AFSSRN objectives are: (1) to promote effective interaction and cooperation among persons involved in fisheries and aquaculture social sciences research; (2) to encourage and promote investigation and advances in knowledge of fisheries and aquaculture social sciences; (3) to focus attention on fisheries and aquaculture social sciences problems by disseminating technical and other information on all aspects of fisheries and aquaculture fisheries and aquaculture social sciences and management; and (4) to promote the proper use of fisheries and aquaculture social sciences research practices and results in the Asia-Pacific region.

As of 31 December 2021, there are 165 AFSSRN members who come from 24 countries.



## Upcoming events

