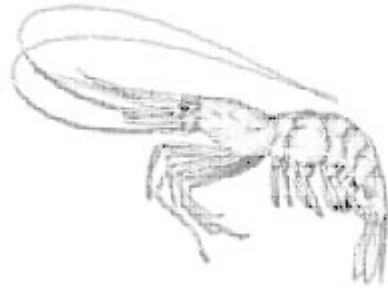


## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE HOST



Welcome to this symposium on Aquaculture and Conservation of Marine Shrimp Biodiversity.

We are delighted you are here today in this symposium which was organized to present the results of a two-year study project funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. On behalf of Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, I would like to thank Mr. Peter Riggs and the Rockefeller Brother Fund for your support. I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Jurgenne Primavera of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in Iloilo, Philippines for her collaboration in this study. SEAFDEC's support for this project is greatly appreciated.

We are very happy that Dr. Alcivar-Warren, her staff and our veterinary students have had the opportunity to participate in this research program. We think that this project has provided an excellent example to showcase the multidisciplinary approaches taken to address issues of concern not only to the aquaculture industry but for those of us interested in the conservation of our marine resources. The project showcases the resources that Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine can bring to bear to pursue this type of environmental research.

I would like to add that this type of research is one which I, as Assistant Dean for Research, and the Veterinary School value and enthusiastically support. We hope that the momentum generated by Dr. Alcivar-Warren's research team can serve as a model for similar types of research efforts at our school. I personally would like to commend her for her efforts and to again thank Mr. Peter Riggs and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund for its support of this research project.

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