HISTORY

This may only be the 2\textsuperscript{nd} conference of the International Society of Fish & Shellfish Immunology, but the history of Society goes back much further in time. In 1990 fish immunologists from all Nordic countries initiated a collaboration to reduce diseases in aquaculture. The first meeting of this immunology group was held in Copenhagen in 1990. This group was called The Nordic Society of Fish Immunology (NOFFI). After that, NOFFI meetings took place in Tromsö, Norway (1991), Lysekil, Sweden (1993), Reykjavik, Iceland (1995), Hirtshals, Denmark (1998), Oslo, Norway (2001), and Turku, Finland (2004). In 2007 the NOFFI society decided to change its name to European Organisation of Fish Immunology (EOFFI) to extend its activities to other countries besides the Nordic territory. The change resulted in meetings being held outside the Nordic countries: Scotland (2007) and in Viterbo, Italy (2010), where it was decided to establish a new International Society of Fish and Shellfish Immunology (ISFSI). In this new society, the immunology of shellfish was included for the first time. ISFSI was established in 2010, and the first meeting under this name was held in Vigo (Spain) in 2013.

The University of Maine’s Aquaculture Research Institute in Portland, Maine, June 26-30, 2016 is proud to host the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Conference of ISFSI, and this is the first time any meeting of the Society has been held outside of Europe!
SESSION TOPICS

Some of the topics that will be covered in the Conference are:

- Vaccines & Vaccinations
- Molluscan Immunity
- Crustacean Immunity
- Anti-viral Response
- Effect of Diet on the Immune System
- Anti-Bacterial Response
- Functional Genomics
- Anti-Parasite Response
- Environmental Influences on Immunity
- Immunomodulation
- Evolution of the Immune Response
- Anti-Microbial Peptides
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