

History of the World Recreational Fishing Conference

Each World Recreational Fishing Conference (WRFC) has built on previous conferences, creating a collective body of knowledge and peer reviewed publications in the growing discipline of recreational fisheries science. The conferences have helped develop a collaborative global community of researchers, managers, NGOs, industry representatives and government regulators that are developing and standardizing research approaches while working towards solutions for recreational fisheries issues.

WRFC7 – September 1-4, 2014 - Campinas, Brazil

Theme: *Change, transformation and adaptation in recreational fisheries*

Host: State University of Campinas and Federal University of Uberlandia

Attendance: 209 delegates from 17 countries

WRFC6 – August 1-4, 2011 - Berlin, Germany

Theme: *Toward resilient recreational fisheries*

Host: Humboldt University in Berlin, IGB Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries, the German Anglers Association, Besatzfisch in cooperation with the Museum für Naturkunde, Leibniz-Institute for Research on Evolution and Biodiversity, Humboldt University Berlin.

Attendance: 290 delegates from 33 countries

WRFC5 – November 10-13, 2008 - Fort Lauderdale, USA

Theme: *The angler in the environment*

Host: International Game Fish Association (IGFA)

Attendance: Delegates from 22 countries presented 150 oral papers and posters

WRFC4 – June 12-16, 2005 - Trondheim, Norway

Theme: *Fishing is life – building partnerships across boundaries*

Host: Norwegian Institute for Nature Research

Attendance: Approximately 200 delegates from 25 countries

WRFC3 - May 21-24, 2002 - Darwin, Australia

Theme: *Regional experiences for global solutions*

Host: Fisheries Group, Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development

Attendance: 196 delegates from 12 countries.

WRFC2 - June 1–4, 1999 - Vancouver, Canada

Theme: *Evaluating the benefits of recreational fisheries*

Host: Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia

Attendance: 63 delegates from 8 countries

WRFC1 - June 11–14, 1996 - Dublin, Ireland

A symposium on social, economic and management aspects of recreational fisheries was convened in conjunction with the nineteenth session of the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission (EIFAC).

Attendance: 119 delegates from 23 countries.