

Michio J. Kishi awarded 2005 Uda Prize by the Japan Society of Fisheries Oceanography

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In 1995, the Japan Society of Fisheries Oceanography (JSFO) established an award named in honour of Dr. Michitaka Uda, the principal founder and first president of JSFO and a pioneer of fisheries oceanography in Japan. The Uda Prize is given annually to an individual who has made significant scientific contributions to fisheries oceanography. Many scientists who have been active in PICES are among the recipients of the Uda Prize, and Professor Michio J. Kishi (Hokkaido University) is the first modeling scientist to be awarded the Prize.

Uda Prize Recipients

1995	Hideo Tameishi	2001	Yoh Yamashita
1996	Sigeo Funakoshi	2002	Kaoru Nakata
1997	Tokio Wada	2003	Yoshiro Watanabe
1998	Yasunori Sakurai	2004	Teruaki Suzuki
1999	Hideaki Nakata	2005	Michio J. Kishi
2000	Akira Nihira		

Professor Kishi's modeling work has contributed significantly to the efforts of the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES), and much of his recent scientific research was done in collaboration with PICES' CCCC MODEL Task Team members. The MODEL Task Team and PICES itself are pleased to be acknowledged in this honour.

The Uda Prize presentation ceremony took place on April 8, 2006, during the spring symposium of JSFO in Tokyo, Japan. Dr. Yoshiro Watanabe, President of JSFO, and Dr. Yoh Yamashita, Chairman of the JSFO Award Committee, conducted the ceremony. Dr. Yamashita announced that Dr. Michio J. Kishi was the recipient of the Uda Prize for 2005, and read the following JSFO award committee citation:

"Dr. Michio J. Kishi has been a pioneer in developing physical-biological coupled models since the late 1970s. His doctoral thesis on modeling the lower trophic level

ecosystem in Mikawa Bay is recognized as a primary example of environmental assessment in Japan. He successfully developed an ecosystem model NEMURO (North Pacific Ecosystem Model for Understanding Regional Oceanography) as the Co-Chairman of the PICES' CCCC MODEL Task Team. NEMURO has been widely distributed within the PICES scientific community, and it is expected to bring numerous scientific contributions. Moreover, he developed a coupled lower trophic level – fish model NEMURO.FISH (NEMURO For Including Saury and Herring), and the application of NEMURO.FISH is attracting the interest of scientists around the world. Besides these modeling activities, he has been engaged in the education of young scientists and promoting fisheries oceanography to the public. He also has provided a great service to JSFO as an editor of *Fisheries Oceanography*, an editor of "*Suisan Kaiyo Kenkyu*", and served on many committees. These combined contributions to fisheries oceanography make him a deserving recipient of the Uda Prize."



Professor Michio Kishi wearing the Uda Prize medal.

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