



Preface

The Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management Society (AEHMS) had initiated a series of publications dealing with the “*Freshwater Fishes and Fisheries of the World: Biodiversity, Health, and Habitat*”. Some articles have appeared in Vol. 9:4, 2006 (New Zealand and Greece), and Vol. 10:2, 2007 (South America). We are pleased to include in this issue relevant articles from Mexico, Peru, India, Nepal and the Nordic ecosystems (Finland/Sweden/Norway).

The editors are pleased with the keen interest in contributing articles to this project, which will hopefully raise global awareness of freshwater fishes, their biodiversity, health and habitat. It is hoped that these, and subsequent, articles will draw greater attention to the challenges, problems and issues facing the freshwater fish and fisheries from anthropogenic stress, habitat perturbations and climate change.

We would like to thank the authors for their unique contributions to the series. Thanks are also due to Jennifer Lorimer and Susan Blunt of the AEHMS for their assistance and hard work. Articles from Russia, Asia Pacific, Middle East and Europe are expected for publication in this series soon.

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