

## Book launch

# Conversations

**The new publication *Conversations* was officially released at ICSF's General Body meeting at Maputo on 10 June 2002**

**C**onversations: A *Dialogue on Power, Intervention and Organization in Fisheries*, written by ICSF Members Aliou Sall, Michael Belliveau and Nalini Nayak was officially released by His Excellency, Mr. Cadmiel Filiane Mutemba, Minister of Fisheries, Mozambique on 10 June 2002, at the General Body Meeting of ICSF in Maputo, Mozambique.


The Minister launched the book by handing over a copy to Reginald Comeau, Regional Co-ordinator of the Maritime Fishermen's Union (MFU), whose Executive Secretary had been Michael Belliveau, one of the authors of the book, who passed away on 26 January 2002.

The book's blurb gives an overview of its origins and significance: "In the winter of October 1999, as part of a programme of ICSF, three persons converged on the Treasure Guest House in Accra, Ghana. They came from three very distinct parts of the world, each bringing along a different baggage of culture and upbringing. What they shared, however, was a history of intimate involvement with the fisheries of their respective countries.

During the course of slightly over a week, the three discussed, almost threadbare, the gamut of issues that lie at the heart of fisheries and fishworkers in the artisanal sector, at a time when various factors are combining to alter the status of both fisheries resources and fishers' livelihoods. In the process, their dialogue often meandered into areas of

philosophy, ethics, politics, history, sociology and epistemology. The result is this book, a work of abiding value that goes beyond fisheries, fishworkers and organizations, offering powerful insights, inspired reasoning and composed passion.

In *Conversations*, Aliou Sall, Nalini Nayak and Michael Belliveau talk the reader through a world of tribulation, challenges, success, failure, temerity and grit, all in the belief that 'we make no contribution to the world by just getting agitated by what is going on around us. We have to find the right point at which to strike.'

*Conversations* is a valuable resource for fishworker organizations, researchers, activists and anyone interested in trade unions, organizations and fisheries. A well-produced paperback of 400 pages, including maps, *Conversations* is now available from ICSF at a price of US\$ 25. It can also be ordered online at ICSF's website ([www.icsf.net](http://www.icsf.net) or [www.icsf.org](http://www.icsf.org)) 

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