

On the 21st of February 2008 the federal president of the Republic of Austria, honorable Dr. Heinz Fischer, visited the Ethiopian BOMOSA partner institute NFLARR-Sebeta (NFLARR = National Fisheries and other Living Aquatic Resources Research Center of the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR)) accompanied by a high number of delegates from politics, economy and science. An introduction at the Sebeta station was given by the director Mr. Kassahun Assaminew Desta and by the project-coordinator Prof. Herwig Waidbacher.



Arriving at Sebeta



Welcoming words of Mr. Kassahun Assaminew Desta and Prof. Herwig Waidbacher

The president, his wife and the whole delegation visited afterwards the swimming training-plot with six cages on the station ground where detailed, applied information was given by Dr. Zenebe Tadesse.



Having a look on the BOMOSA training-plot

After returning to the event ground a delicious reception with the typical Ethiopian coffee-ceremony, refreshments and deep-fried Tilapia filets was presented. Dr. Solomon Assefa, Director General of the EIAR, informed the honorable community about Ethiopian agriculture and expressed his gratitude to the president Dr. Heinz Fischer and his wife Margit for visiting Sebeta - Aquaculture Research Center.



Discussion with Dr. Solomon Assefa



Back to the event ground for a group picture

The Austrian president was very interested in the ongoing of the project, he highlighted the importance of such a research field and last but not least he surprised the audience

by starting roasting and serving coffee in the Ethiopian manner. He thanked for the tremendous friendly hospitality and wished all the best for the successful progress of the BOMOSA-research idea.



Traditional Ethiopian coffee-ceremony with assistance of Dr. Heinz Fischer

One of the press-response you can find at:

<http://www.capitalethiopia.com/archive/2008/february/week4/index.htm>