



Quality Assurance in Freshwater Aquaculture ?

A PROFET Policy Workshop

Treviso (Italy), 16 & 17 October 2008

Draft Agenda & Programme

- Target audience of the Workshop : fish farmers and aquaculture associations, government representatives, research institutions and other stakeholders.

Duration: 1 ½ days

DAY 1		
SESSION 1: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ROLE OF RESEARCH		
Time	Issue	Speaker
8:30	Registration in Workshop location	
09:15	Official Opening	
09:30	Welcome by API	Dott. Pier-Antonio Salvador
09:40	Opening Remarks on Profet Policy <i>Background on Research Compilation</i>	Mr. Courtney Hough (FEAP) - Project Coordinator
09:55	The importance of quality for the consumer	Dott. Fregolent
10:15	The quality of aquaculture products - influencing factors	Prof. B.M. Poli
10:40	The producer's approach to quality assurance	Dott. P.A. Salvador
11:00	Coffee Break	

This session is an introductory session.

- Opening remarks to explain the background on Profet Policy.
- Quality & Consumer should take on consumer expectations of seafood and, in this case, products of freshwater aquaculture; should we have something profiling the species/products?

Effectively, the idea of this session is to generate a review of the approach of European and national planning and research with European/national policies - complementarity within the region, identify key issues and topics.



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SESSION 2: POLICY & REGULATORY FRAMEWORK		
Time	Issue	Speaker
11.30	The Strategy for the Sustainable Development of European Aquaculture	Mr. Jean Weissenberger, European Commission DG MARE
11.50	Aquaculture Standards - an advantage for the sector?	Mr David Bassett
12:10	Health Management and Regulatory Issues	Dott. Donatella Capuano, Ministry of Health (Rome)
12.30	Regulatory factors that help or limit the development of freshwater aquaculture. Case studies from Spain and Italy.	Mr. Miguel Saura (ATRUGAL, Spain) & Dott. Antonio Trincanato (API, Italy)
12:50	Questions and Answers with Speakers of Sessions 1 & 2	

This session will give the policy background to freshwater aquaculture in Southern Europe - providing a general position on the sector within the Common Fisheries Policy/Sustainable aquaculture development.

- The first talk will reflect on the policies, particularly the current review of the Strategy for the Sustainable Development of European Aquaculture
- Standards - how they are developed and their contribution to quality should be presented - mainly oriented towards consumer and food safety standards - do these provide an advantage for the producers?
- Links between the content of the CFP and other European policies that affect freshwater aquaculture need to be highlighted, mainly environmental policies and the joint IUCN/FEAP developments
- Review of regulations (European and National) that affect/limit/promote development of freshwater aquaculture in southern Europe; identify what research topics/themes could be promoted

Discussion should also provide positions on how national/regional issues affect the application/development of national policies in the Region and provide information on how different States are approaching the topics raised.



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SESSION 3: RTD NEEDS RELATED TO EUROPEAN POLICIES		
Time	Issue	Speaker
14.30	Waste treatment and usage; AQUAETREAT & AQUAGRIS projects	Dr. Vincenzo Zonno & Dr. Raffaele Acierno, University of Salento
15:00	The role of hatcheries in providing quality fish for freshwater aquaculture - FINEFISH	Dr. Stephanie Fontagné, UMR-St Pée, France
15.20	Sustainable and healthy freshwater aquaculture	Me. Alexandra Oberdich
15.40	Addressing welfare in fish culture - WELLFISH	Prof. M. Saroglia, University of Insubria, Italy

These presentations will all provide a review of quality-related issues and appropriate RTD projects that have addressed these.

This session will focus on the broader issues of development and how policies are influencing the response and viability of the sector. It will present an analysis on the policies and legislation that are driving or hindering development and identify research requirements.

SESSION 4: RTD NEEDS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
Time	Issue	Speaker
16.30	Changing feeds - changing circumstances - a review of feed developments and their effects on quality & development	Dott. Alberto Allodi, Skretting Italia
16.50	Sustainable feeds for fish farming - a review of progress and the issues (AQUAMAX)	Prof. Oyvind Lie, NIFES, Norway
17.10	CONSENSUS - an approach to assuring sustainable aquaculture and its position with the consumer	Mr. Alistair Lane, European Aquaculture Society
17.30	Questions and Answers with Speakers of Sessions 3 & 4	

These presentations will also provide a review of the issues and describe appropriate RTD projects that have addressed these.

This session will target some of the broad issues identified within sustainable development discussions that affect aquaculture, looking particularly at

- Assessing sustainable aquaculture and its links with the consumer
- Sustainable feeds for fish farming and their influence on maximising health benefits
- A review of how feed components are changing and their effect on quality aspects in aquaculture



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SESSION 5: SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT		
Time	Issue	Speaker
09.00	Review of alternatives - percid species	Prof. Patrick Kestemont, FUNDP, Belgium
09:30	AQUABREEDING - how can genetics help European aquaculture	Dr. Hervé Chavanne
09:55	Developments in freshwater sturgeon culture	Dr. Paolo Bronzi
10:20	Effective Knowledge Management - A key challenge for the sector	Me Marieke Reuver
10:40	Using better the knowledge of the professional associations	Prof. Stefano Cataudella, University Tor Vergata, Italy

The 5th session will examine different measures that provide support for the development of aquaculture.

- The opportunities for diversification within the freshwater aquaculture sector
- How genomic work can help development -AQUABREEDING & AQUAGENOME are projects that looks to coordinate current and future genomic RTD projects
- The need for the management of knowledge - practical examples of how the European aquaculture sector is addressing this

SESSION 6: FUTURE RESEARCH NEEDS		
Time	Issue	Speaker
11.30	A review of the FEUFAR project - a vision for the future of European aquaculture and fisheries	Dr. Luc van Hoof, IMARES, Netherlands
11.50	The European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform - approach to quality issues	Mr. Courtney Hough
12.10	Opportunities for RTDI within the 7 th Framework Programme	Mr. Jacques Fuchs, European Commission
12.30	Discussion with Workshop Participants	Moderated by Prof. Stefano Cataudella
12.45	Conclusions and recommendations	Rapporteur

The closing session on the workshop will focus on assessing future research needs for Mediterranean aquaculture, including

- A presentation on the conclusions and recommendations of the FEUFAR project that looked at the future of European fisheries and aquaculture research
- A presentation on the Thematic Area covering Quality/Consumer issues of the European Aquaculture Technology & Innovation Platform could be made here.
- A presentation of the 7th Framework programme and its contribution to aquaculture research
- An assessment of the main questions that need answering (including those that have been raised already)



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It will be concluded by an open discussion with workshop participants to discuss policy issues and needs for future research.

Conclusions and recommendations will be provided by the Workshop Rapporteur.

Poster Presentations on specific European projects to request (draft list)

1. Consensus - prepared by EAS
2. Aquamax - prepared by NIFES/FEAP
3. Finefish - prepared by Akvaforsk/FEAP
4. Wave/VALLA/AquaTnet - prepared by AquaTT
5. Perch/Pikeperch leaflets
6. Aquaetreat - presentation of manual (in Italian)

Plus others relative to freshwater aquaculture

Other handouts can be placed on registration desk or Profet Policy presentation desk/stand