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Staff secondment programme

In June 2008, the AquAgris project launched its staff secondment programme with the aim to encourage the exchange of personnel among Consortium partners for a short period to facilitate technology/knowledge transfer. Through these staff exchanges, AquAgris gives the opportunity to project members to acquire new scientific and practical experiences in sustainable management and, at the same time, promote the collaboration to create new project ideas.

Under the guidance of the AquAgris staff secondment policy, personnel from Tampere University of Technology (TUT) was seconded to AquaBioTech Group in September, 2008. Specifically, the objectives of the staff secondment between TUT and AquaBioTech Group were to explore new technologies being developed by AquaBioTech and TUT for aquaculture waste management with emphasis on waste to energy production. In particular, specific objectives were to exchange technical information on waste management of tuna fish waste processing and/or use of algae for possible energy production and valuable side streams recovery from waste for commercial purposes and/or the use of waste-end-products into further processes of positive economic values.

Patricia Cadaval (from CENTIV) stayed during a week in Derio (Spain) having the opportunity to meet different workers from AZTI in order to exchange experiences in different project activities. She also visited their facilities and had the opportunity to see the location and drafts of a pilot plant for biogas production fed with fish waste.

During the visit she had the opportunity to learn about the projects in clean production that AZTI has developed in South America. Patricia Cadaval had also the possibility to exchange knowledge about the strategies for fishery by-catch reutilisation in some ports of the Basque Country.

Besides, Patricia Cadaval gave an internal conference about the TIP, a platform created to reduce the gap between the industries and the scientific research and to promote innovation and research concerning traceability.

Furthermore, future collaborations in European Projects were discussed, not only with AZTI but also with the research staff of “Torre Madariaga” biodiversity centre.



Two other staff secondment exchanges are forecasted for the next period: R. Acierno (UNILE) will visit Panoram Aquaculture Farm (PAFL) and National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), India, during the month of February 2009, while Prof. M. Kurup (from CUSAT, India) will visit SDU (Denmark) and University of Barcelona (Spain) in May 2009.

5th AquAgriS Steering Committee Meeting

The 5th AquAgriS steering committee meeting has been hosted by AGES (Wien, Austria) on 2nd December 2008. All members, except the WP3 Leader NIO, discussed on the state-of-art of the project and planned activities for the next period. The steering committee has focused its attention on several critical points, especially in WP3 and WP4, but in the same time has proposed possible solutions.

“Realising the ETAP in the management of waste from farms” workshop.

The workshop will be held on 19th June 2009 and will be hosted by AGES (Spargelfeldstraße 191, 1220 Wien). The objective of the workshop is to promote discussion on recent technologies and/or practices in the management of waste from farms and how these relate to the objectives of ETAP. The agenda will comprise a series of presentations with time allowed for discussion. The workshop is open to all Consortium participants. A limited number of external advisors will be also invited.

Next Consortium Meetings

The next Consortium meetings will be held in Wien (Austria) 17-19 June 2009, hosted by AGES. During the 3-day period, the Consortium will celebrate its annual General Assembly and the 6th Steering Committee meeting. Furthermore, the Expert Group meetings, a WP4 workshop on “Towards environmental sustainability in the Fishery, Aquaculture and Agriculture industries: issues of governance” and the second WP5 workshop on “Realising the ETAP in the management of waste from farms” will be held.

The event calendar is the following:

	16 th June 2009	17 th June 2009	18 th June 2009	19 th June 2009
Morning	Arrival	EG meetings	General Assembly	WP5 Workshop
Afternoon		SC meeting	WP4 meeting	