



Side Event 3

Title: Introducing aquaculture research opportunities under the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)

Organizers: SEA-EU NET, European Commission (Directorate General for Research Technological Development and Innovation), and FAO

Time and Venue: 1815 – 2000 – 24th September – Ballroom 1

The European Union (EU) has developed international scientific cooperation over the last 25 years to address the needs and opportunities of an interconnected world, and to contribute to global peace and prosperity.

Among others, international scientific cooperation aims at tackling specific problems that third countries face, or that have a global character, on the basis of mutual interest and mutual benefit.

The objective of this Side Event 3 is to inform the aquaculture research community and other stakeholders attending the Global Conference on Aquaculture 2010 about the EU initiatives for funding research in aquaculture, in particular the opportunities -for EU and non-EU participants- provided within its 7th Framework Programme for Research Technological Development (FP7).

The Event will endeavor to explain how the EU supports aquaculture research through a large variety of instruments, including networking and collaborative research initiatives funded under FP7. Ongoing funding opportunities will be highlighted.

Two EU funded projects relevant for promoting international scientific cooperation will be presented: SEA-EU-NET and ASEM Aquaculture.

The Event will also provide a forum to set European research on aquaculture into a global context, and especially explore its links and complementarities with FAO activities.

Programme

18:15 Introduction by the co-organisers

18:20 General presentation of FP7 and opportunities for international cooperation (SEA-EU-NET, Mr. Simon Grimley, National Science and Development Agency, Thailand)

18:45 Presentation of Aquaculture research in FP7 (Dr Stamatis Varsamos, DG RTD, EU)

19:05 Presentation of ASEM-AQUACULTURE project (Professor Patrick Sorgeloos, Univ. of Ghent, Belgium)

19:25 Presentation of European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATIP) concept (Mr Courtney Hough, EATIP Secretary)

19:45 Discussion with the participation of FAO

20:00 Refreshments