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Minutes of the **WP13 – Student Association - Start-up Stakeholder meeting**

(year 1)

17-18 May 2009

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## Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
18-May		
13.30	<b>Welcome &amp; history of network</b>	<b>Patrick Sorgeloos</b>
	<b>Network Structure (Services and Tools)</b>	<b>Secretariat</b>
	<b>Stakeholder Role in AQUA-TNET</b>	<b>David Murphy</b>
14.00	<b>Stakeholder Core Group Meetings</b>	
	<i><b>Proposed topics</b></i>	
	- Round-table introductions	
	- Review expected outcomes and results	
	- Agree on working methodology & timetable	
	- Work on Strategy for interaction with the core groups	
	- Plans for Annual Event 2009	
17.00	<b>Financial and Administrative Guidelines</b>	<b>Gent</b>
	- Reimbursement of claims	
17.30	<b>Closure of meeting day 1</b>	
19-May		
9.00	<b>Setting the Scene</b> (AQUA-TNET in the context of the sector and other initiatives)	<b>David Murphy</b>
9.30	<b>Questions and Answers Session per Core work package (1-8)</b> (Clarification on activities, objectives and intended impact)	
10.30	<b>Open Discussion per Stakeholder Group</b> (How the network can contribute to current and future stakeholder needs and challenges)	
12.00	<b>Annual Event Planning (8-9<sup>th</sup> June 2009)</b> A proposal for the event will be presented by the steering committee for discussion	
	- Theme	
	- Structure and Agenda	
	- Guaranteeing Participant interaction	
13.00	<b>Closure of meeting day 2</b>	



**Meeting Objectives:**

The stakeholder work groups (WP10 – 13) will discuss their network activities and will set up action plans and working methods within their own groups. The stakeholder groups will also have the opportunity to start discussions with the different DEV WP leaders (1-8) and answer any questions the groups may have.

**List of Attendees from WP13 – Students Association:**

Goncalo Santos	Wageningen University, The Netherlands
Magdolna Trenovszki	Szent Istvan University, Hungary
Anamaria Rekecki	Gent University, Belgium
Turker Bodur	Akdeniz University, Turkey
Stephan Meyer	Universitat Hamburg, Germany



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### Minutes WP3 Core group meeting

#### Welcome and Introduction

The meeting of the Student stakeholders group started at 14h00. Goncalo Santos welcomed the participants and each member introduced himself. Gonçalo briefly explained what is the role of the WP13 in which Students are involved as stakeholders.

#### List of Deliverables

Gonçalo Santos presented the list of deliverables as planned for the first year.

WP 13.1	Start-up Meeting	M1	E	CO
WP 13.2	Receive and Review WP Core Group Meeting Reports	M4	R	PU
WP 13.3	Identification of Specific Student Panel / Advisors	M4	O	PU
WP 13.4	Development of Students Dissemination Network	M6	P	PU
WP 13.5	Training Needs Analysis of European Students	M10	R	PU
WP 13.6	Core Group Meeting at Annual Event Year 1	M11	E	PU
WP 13.7	Update / Tuning of Student dissemination Network	M12	P	PU
WP 13.8	Summary Report on Annual Event Year 1	M12	R	PU
WP 13.9	Student Forum at EAS Meeting	M12	E	PU

#### Action Plan for the first year

Next, the group concentrated on making a plan for each deliverable that will be produced in the first 12 months of the project.

Deliverable 13.1 – Start up meeting:

This deliverable includes the minutes of the meeting and a detailed plan of action for the first year.

Deliverable 13.2 – Receive and Review WP Core Group Meeting Reports:

As to the date of this meeting not all WP delivered the minutes of their meetings. Gonçalo and Turker presented their views on the available minutes. Their comments will be part of a report that will review all the WP Core Group meetings. Anamaria, Lena and Stephan will also provide (by email) their comments in order to be part of the report. The core group members stated that minutes should be distributed well before the Stakeholders meeting take place to allow all core group members to have time to give input.

Deliverable 13.3 – Identification of Specific Student Panel / Advisors

The main role of the Student Stakeholders is to advise on different student views and concerns with regard to the output of other WP groups. At the moment the core group is mainly composed of



members who are studying aquaculture. The EAS-SG can reach out to its members (around 40) and to students that join the EAS-SG Facebook group (close to 200 students). The EAS-SG also provides a quarterly newsletter that reaches to nearly 300 students. All requests from the other WPs concerning the opinion of students will be channeled to the EAS-SG members and newsletter subscribers.

#### Deliverable 13.4 – Development of Student Dissemination Network and Update / Tuning of Student Dissemination Network

In order to have a more representative sample of students from all domains of the AQUATNET network, it was decided to approach all teachers involved in the AquaTNET project to compose a mailing list of students in all domains of the AquaTNET project. This list could be easily updated at the start of each academic year. Goncalo will make an action plan to achieve this objective, which will be followed up by Lena from September. Teachers from the AquaTNET member institutions will be contacted twice a year by WP13 in order to update such a mailing list. This will increase exponentially the number of students we can reach in order to ask their contribution in filling out questionnaires produced by the WPs of the network. We shall also invite students from all domains of the network to the WP 13 core group, in order to find a good balance between aquaculture students and students from other domains.

Stephan will also approach other student organizations to share mailing lists. As suggested by Turker we should also use the Facebook contacts of EAS-SG.

#### Deliverable 13.5 – Training Needs Analysis of European Students

The core group members suggested that instead of making an additional questionnaire to assess the training needs analysis of European Students we could use the results from the several questionnaires produced by the other WP to make a report. This report would have a focus on students views, using their responses to the questionnaires. In case we identify some gaps, we could then make a short questionnaire to students in order to complete the report. Lena will contact the managers of AQUATNET to check if they agree.

#### Deliverable 13.6 and 13.8 – Annual Event Year 1 and Summary Report on Annual Event Year 1

Core group members of WP 13 will be asked to participate in the annual event of year 1. Gonçalo mentioned that because the EAS-SG will have elections in July, the board will change, so there will be some changes in the composition of the core members of WP13. However Lena will become the President of the EAS-SG and therefore she will remain in WP13 and make sure that there will be a continuity in the work performed by the WP13. Lena will also make the Summary report in cooperation with the core group members attending the annual event.

#### Deliverable 13.9 – Student Forum at EAS Meeting

We agree that on EAS-SG workshop will have a time slot for AquaTNET presentation. It is suggested that AquaTNET will try to make original presentations each year. The presentation will be a very good opportunity to show to students the tools available in the AquaTNET website (PhD portal, mobility map, etc).

The for the first year the workshop will take place in Trondheim, Norway on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. The outline of the Workshop will be:



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- 14h30 - 14h50 EAS-SG: perspectives for the future by Magdolna Trenovszki
- 14h50 - 15h10 AQUA-TNET: international education opportunities for students, by Marieke Reuver and Prof. Peter Bossier
- 15h10 - 15h50 Time planning and Project Management (during a PhD) by Prof. Gavin Burnell
- 15h50-16h30 Stand out of the crowd with a great Poster Presentation by Dr. Catarina Martins
- 16h30 - 16h50 Get your paper published by Dr. Marc Verdegem
- 16h50 - 17h10 General discussion
- 17h10 - 17h30 EAS-SG General Assembly

For year 2, the workshop will take place in Porto, Portugal (October 2010).

### **End of the meeting**

Meeting ended at 17h30. All core group members agreed to keep in touch by email, and whenever necessary to have online meetings by Skype.