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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

This is the October 2010 edition of the European Aquaculture Society Student Group (EAS-SG) Newsletter.

Hopefully, we met most of you during the conference in Porto. If so, we hope you have enjoyed the time and want to stay in touch with us and get involved. If you did not have the chance to visit us in Portugal, we will give you a concise summary of what you have missed.

Currently our heads are full of ideas for the coming term and we will keep you informed and involved in the major topics we want to tackle this coming year. Please feel free to send us your wishes and remarks on ideas you want to engross our thoughts on (info@eassg.org).

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to all students and young people that might have the same interest in the work of the European Aquaculture Society Student Group (EAS-SG) like you do.

Yours sincerely,

Stefan, Benedikt, Anna, Caroline, Manuel and Guerrino

Your new EAS-SG executive board

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1. New EAS-SG board

Yes, that's right: We have a new board!

Last year's executive board term has officially ended during the annual Aquaculture Europe meeting in Porto this year. The new executive board will be your direct contact for the coming year until the next AE2011 in Rhodes Island, Greece.

In the name of the whole community, we would like to express our thanks to our former president Lena Trenovszki for her work and support for the European Aquaculture Society and especially the Student Group. Lena has reached the top of the group, being a dedicated and passionate president, bringing the community closer together and especially building a bridge between members from the eastern and western European countries.

Some of the names of the new board might sound familiar to you: **Stefan Meyer** from Hamburg, Germany has become our new president, **Benedikt Frenzl** from Starnberg, Germany is the new president elect, **Anamaria Rekecki** from Ghent, Belgium is still our trustworthy treasurer and **Guerrino Macori** from Pisa, Italy has altered his position from IT-manager to facebook-community-coordinator.

The new names on the board are **Manuel Sardinha** from Azores, Portugal and **Caroline Laursen** from Hellerup, Denmark. Manuel will be our new IT-manager and Caroline will be the new secretary of the EAS-SG, responsible for all written published material.

Please refer to our [homepage](#) for profiles of our past, current and new board members.





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2. Aquaculture Europe 2010

This was Aquaculture Europe 2010 in Porto, Portugal

a. General

AE2010 in Porto was headlined “Seafarming tomorrow”. Various thematic topics were discussed and presented in the parallel session program including “Finfish hatchery production”, “Shellfish (juvenile) production, in hatchery and natural spat collection”, “Novel feeds, ingredients and additives”, to name just a few. Around 1100 conference participants attended plenary sessions and social events and enjoyed the fantastic venue in beautiful Porto. A more detailed summary of the major outcomes of the conference will be featured in the next EAS magazine.





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b. Student workshop

This year's Aquaculture Europe conference featured the 4th EAS Student Group workshop and the 1st open student forum, a dedicated program for students and young researchers to expand their view on student-relevant trends and developments in the aquaculture sector. The session was made up of four invited talks and an open forum, where workshop participants had the opportunity to get in touch with the presenters and each other. The session was closed with the invitation to a social event in a traditional Fado restaurant in Porto.

The workshop attracted in total 108 participants of all status groups (mainly students though) and nationalities. The first 100 guests were awarded with a free gift sponsored by the EAS Student Group (a bag, a pen, a notepad, a T-Shirt, info-material from the various projects and a cheerful smile from the registration crew). After listening to the talks, workshop participants were divided into smaller groups of 4 to 6 people and could use a prepared group task sheet to get in touch with the presenters. The task sheets were designed as a role play to simulate the situation of, e.g., a foreign student from country X preparing an extended study trip to country Y, to learn a little bit of the local language, to find a scholarship for the trip and to decide rather to go to a university, a research institute or a company. Vivid discussions among small groups and presenters lasted for long after the official closure of the session. In summary, this workshop format, including the forum, was a great opportunity for young researchers and students to come together and to exchange. To be continued in 2011...

We would like to thank all participants of the workshop; the congress room was full (!!!). The good attendance and interest displayed not only by students, but lecturers as well, in our student topics shows that we operate on the same level as you, the students. We hope you have enjoyed the presentations, which gave a good overview of possibilities, necessary skills, chances for education and an insight into possible future careers. We were able to support our participants with topic related promo material. If you have attended please feel free to send your feedback to us (info@eassg.org).





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c. Field trips

We were able to offer a “*students only*” field trip to a fish farm in Aveiro. In an open pond system, which was connected to the sea using sea-water-sluiques, sea bass, sea bream and meager (stone bass) were raised using automated pellet feeders. The fish farm was extensively used, producing mainly fish for export.

During our field trip we offered a lunch at the city of Aveiro, followed by a boat tour on one of the many canals. Aveiro is known as the Portuguese Venice due to its sophisticated canal and wetland system. In the afternoon we were involved in the festivities celebrating “Implantação da República”, the Portuguese Republic Day.

For the official EAS field trip a visit to a recirculating turbot farm was organized. Stashed on top of each other in long shallow flow through channels the turbot was raised to market size. Almost the entire product is shipped to Italy for human consumption. The field trip ended with a visit to a Bacalhau (stockfish) factory, showing the production and processing methods of this typical Portuguese fish product. The process from cleaning of the cod to salting, drying and packaging was explained.





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d. Student activities & Awards

EAS-SG Ibrahim Okumus Award 2010

This award honors the life of Professor Ibrahim Okumus (1960-2008) of the Faculty of Fisheries in Rize University, Turkey, and is awarded by the EAS Student Group. In respect to his achievements for next generation researchers, the EAS Student Group awarded the BEST STUDENT POSTER CONTRIBUTION at AE2010 in Porto with a certificate and a price money of 300 €. The Ibrahim Okumus Award was sponsored by the BIOMIN BRAIN program.

And the winner is...

José Andrés Aranda-Burgos et al. from University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

with the poster:

EMBRYONIC AND LARVAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE GROOVED CARPET SHELL *Ruditapes decussatus*: A SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY STUDY



The successful candidate and his poster were chosen by a judging panel of students and scientists and the award was announced at the final wrap-up session of the conference.

We, the EAS-SG, hope to have provided an interesting and also amusing program to you. For us, the AE2011 was a success, since we have gained many new friends, and perhaps promoted aquaculture among young people. We have reached our goal: **Bringing students and young aquaculturists together!!!!**



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3. Upcoming Events

- International Meeting on Marine Resources 2010, 16 to 17 November 2010, Peniche, Leiria, Portugal

The IMMR 2010 was planned to communicate the new scientific knowledge on marine resources for the understanding and sustainability of our planet.

<http://www.immr.ipleiria.pt/>

- The Common Fisheries Policy in the Post-Lisbon Era: Towards a Robust and Sustainable Framework, 8 December 2010, Brussels, Belgium

Policymakers have recognized the need to strike the right balance - whilst the fishing industry is essential to supplying food to European citizens and supporting livelihoods in coastal areas across the region, future policy development must be shaped within a robust and sustainable framework without jeopardising economic progress.

<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/AL08-PPE2.php>

- Larvita Training School, LARVANET project. 22 - 26th November 2010 at CCMAR/University of Algarve (Faro, Portugal) and INRB, I.P./IPIMAR(Olhão, Portugal).

The LARVITA Fish Larvae Training School intends to provide advanced training on emerging aspects of fish larval research for young researchers (PhD and late MSc students) but also industry representatives.