

AQUA-TNET3

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- Report: can be found on page 5 of this document
- Presentation given by President Tsjerk Terpstra
- Website: www.eassg.org

SUMMARY

During the student forum at the Aquaculture Europe conference, organized each year, a dedicated program for students and young researchers will be given in order to expand their view on student-relevant trends and developments in the aquaculture sector. As in previous conferences, the session will be made up of several invited talks and an open forum. Participants will have the opportunity to get in touch with the presenters and each other. Outcomes of this event will be summarized in a report, made available online and a promotional article will be distributed to relevant channels (AquaTT TN, tnet newsletter, EAS newsletter, EAS-SG facebook) targeting students in the Aquatnet domain.

The EAS 2013 Conference was held in Trondheim and the Student Workshop was organised on Saturday afternoon. Below the objectives and rationale behind the Student Workshop are repeated and evaluated for this year's conference.

Objectives:

- Give students information which can help them to expand their careers in the field of aquaculture.
- Emphasize the importance of networking during your studies and the rest of your career and the way how you should use your network.
- Help students who want to study/work abroad (especially in Europe) in the aquaculture sector by providing them with relevant information (AQUA-TNET, AquaExcel).
- Transmission of communicational (language skills) and presentation skills which can be very useful in a scientific career.
- Highlight important issues when you are looking for a job and give CV tips.
- Encourage students to exchange information about what they have reached in their career already, so that they can help each other.
- Increase friendship among aquaculture students during the workshop and conference.

Rationale:

- Specific presentations about the above described topics, by people from that specific field of interest and institutions.
- Opportunity for students to ask questions to the presenters and talk with them personally during or after the forum.
- Invitation for different social evenings during the conference.

Results 2013:

As was expected beforehand, the number of students present at the conference in Trondheim was low. This may be caused by the high costs of a conference in Norway and the fact that this is the year after the joined WAS-EAS conference. During the conference about 30 students were present. The EASSG tried to encourage students to come to the conference by awarding three travel grants for students with a good motivation. The winner of the no. 1 grant was given the opportunity to give a presentation about aquaculture in her country and Jade Irisarri put a lot of effort into developing an appealing presentation.

During the Student workshop other presentations were given by Tsjerk Terpstra about the EASSG and AquaTNET, EASSG founder Magdolna Trenovszki presented about the benefits of the network she established during her time in the EASSG board, Marieke Reuver and Stefan Meijer about the possibilities of AquaExcel and Mike Moulton joined us for a session about learning methods.

Teams involved:

- EAS-SG
- AQUA-TNET
- AquaExcel
- NTNU

EXTENDED SUMMARY STUDENT WORKSHOP AQUA 2012

The student workshop organized by the EAS Student Group for the Aqua2013 conference in Trondheim was a bit disappointing in numbers since only around 25 students visited the conference in total. That being said, the student workshop, organized on Saturday the 10th of August managed to draw most of those students to visit. The workshop was opened by Tsjerk Terpstra, president of the EASSG, who explained the program and announced the social events and poster awards during the rest of the conference. Also he gave a presentation about the EASSG and AquaTNET and their roles and benefits for students.

After this introduction it was founding EASSG president Magdolna Trenovszki who shared with us her experiences she had during and after her years in the EASSG and how she benefitted from the contacts she got during this period. She took the story even broader to give some more examples on how the EASSG can benefit students and why it is important to establish and maintain such a network of aquaculture students.

Second was a presentation from Marieke Reuver who explained the AquaExcel program, showing how students can use it to find suitable places and funding to do their research at different locations in Europe. This means that if a student wants to do a certain experiment which he cannot do at his university he can go and find a place where it is possible. This way a student gets to broaden his or her network, do the research he or she wants to do in the way he wants it done. Marieke's story was confirmed by an example from Stefan Meijer, who shared with us the experience of one of his students who did part of her research at the facilities of NTNU in Trondheim, which turned out to be a valuable addition to the experiment. After this presentation, Mike Moulton took us on an interesting tour into the world of learning methods and showed us the tips and tricks that are available to increase the efficiency of learning, reading papers and gathering and categorising information, but he also involved the audience by setting up small assignments and group discussions in order to be able to include some personal experiences from students in the audience.

Last was a more airy presentation by Jade Irisarri, winner of the EASSG Travel Grant of €500. She used the time to give a presentation about the Aquaculture sector in Spain and how her research is contributing to the development of this sector, which she managed to illustrate nicely by using lots of pictures, underwater movies and clear statistics.

In between the sessions and definitely also at the Students Reception there was a great opportunity to get to know each other, establish contacts, catch up with old friends and maintain and build your network. As every year there were some great substantive and inspiring presentations, and this combined with the good contact with fellow students again made the Student Workshop worthwhile to visit. Hopefully next year in San Sebastian a lot more students will be able to attend so we can expand the reach and make as much people as possible benefit from the Student Workshop.