

PROSPECTUS

The Research Institute for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Irrigation (HAKI), Szarvas, Hungary, as Coordinating Institution of the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Central-Eastern Europe will hold the Third Meeting of NACEE Directors in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on 28–30 September 2006. The meeting is hosted by the University of Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik, Croatia and supported by the Aquaculture Management and Conservation Service, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, Rome.

Background and Rationale

After its informal establishment in 2003, the Network was formally founded during the First Meeting of NACEE Directors (Szarvas, Hungary, 21–24 November 2004), when directors and representatives of 23 institutions and organizations from 13 CEE countries signed a formal Founding Document and agreed on the structure and the operational framework of NACEE.

By the Second Meeting of NACEE Directors (Astrakhan, Russian Federation, 8–9 September 2005), NACEE increased its membership to 31 institutions and organizations from 13 countries. The participants adopted the By-law and Rules of Procedure of NACEE, thus laying down the operational framework of the Network. In addition to organizational issues, concrete steps were taken toward the development of joint project activities. NACEE directors determined four priority areas for joint work, four respective working groups were formed, each coordinated by a Lead Centre responsible for the activities of the given Working Group.

During the Third Meeting of NACEE Directors, participants are expected to review the last year progress of NACEE in general and its working groups in particular, to decide on relevant organizational, technical and financial issues, and to find ways to improve collaboration, with special regard to joint project activities.

Activities before and during the meeting

The discussions of the Third Meeting of Directors are to be built upon the discussions and decisions of the second meeting. The participants will receive a number of meeting documents in advance of the meeting, for their review and inputs. Some documents will require contributions by participants. The participants will be expected to actively contribute to discussions on several important issues and aspects important for the future of the Network. In particular, the participants of the meeting are expected:

- i) to evaluate the progress since the last meeting of directors and the work of the Coordinating Institution of NACEE on the basis of the previously disseminated Progress Report;
- ii) to discuss and accept the Financial Report of the Coordinating Institution on the operation of the Network, and to discuss the issue of membership fees;
- iii) to evaluate the activities of the four NACEE Working Groups on the basis of their Progress Reports, prepared and disseminated in advance of the meeting;
- iv) to discuss the possibilities of making the structure and functioning of NACEE more efficient (possible structural reorganization, solving communication and language problems);

- v) to identify appropriate techniques and modalities to improve the efficiency of information flow within the Network, including possibilities of improving the content and format of the NACEE web page;
- vi) to discuss the involvement of NACEE in dissemination of aquaculture-related information both within the Network and between other institutions and organisations and NACEE members;
- vii) to discuss the status of joint bi- and multilateral project activities between NACEE members and involvement of NACEE, as a separate entity, in international programmes;
- viii) to collect and discuss specific proposals by NACEE members for joint projects to be submitted during the years 2006-2008 (specifying the subject, the proposed partners, and the funding source);
- ix) to discuss the improvement of international collaboration outside NACEE, concentrating on the three main groups of potential partners (non-NACEE-member countries of Central and Eastern Europe, neighbouring countries, other international networks/organizations);
- x) to discuss status and ways of improvement of mariculture in NACEE member countries;
- xi) to get information on EU fisheries and aquaculture development strategies and their implications for Central-Eastern Europe;
- xii) to plan future activities with special regard to upcoming events of special importance and determination of the time and venue of the Fourth Meeting of Directors of NACEE.

Meeting documents and deadlines of their delivery

- Discussion Material and Instructions for Authors – deadline: 21 July 2006 (responsible: HAKI);
- Progress Reports of the four NACEE Working Groups – deadline: 31 July 2006 (responsible: NACEE Lead Centres);
- Evaluation of NACEE-related activities of the member institutions for the past year – deadline of submission: 25 August 2006 (responsible: NACEE Member Institutions);
- Proposals for joint project proposals for submission in the years 2006-2008 – deadline of submission: 25 August 2006 (responsible: NACEE Member Institutions);
- Proposals for inputs for NACEE website and other information exchange channels and suggestions for further development of information exchange – deadline of submission: 25 August 2006 (responsible: NACEE Member Institutions);
- Progress Report and Financial Report of the NACEE Coordinating Institution – deadline: 15 September 2006 (responsible: HAKI);
- Report of the Third Meeting of NACEE Directors – deadline: 31 October 2006 (responsible: HAKI).

Participation

The Meeting is expected to be attended by directors of NACEE member institutions; leading experts of some institutions; experts of FAO Aquaculture Management and Conservation Service, FAO, Rome; FAO Subregional Office Budapest, Hungary. Experts from the following institutions and organizations will also be invited: European Commission (Aquaculture Unit); European Aquaculture Society (EAS), EUROFISH, Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA), European Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Organization (EFARO), The World Conservation Union (IUCN) and Akvaforsk.

PROGRAMME

27 September, Wednesday

- 7.00-19.00 Arrival and accommodation of participants
19.00 Welcome dinner

28 September, Thursday

- 8.00-8.15 Registration
8.15-8.45 Opening and introductory remarks
- Branko Glamuzina (University of Dubrovnik, Croatia)
 - Laszlo Varadi (HAKI, Hungary)
 - Uwe Barg (FAO, Rome)
 - Ivan Katavic (Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Forestry of Croatia)
- 8.45-9.45 Discussion and adoption of the Progress Report and Financial Report of the NACEE Coordinating Institution (Chair: B. Glamuzina. Presenter: L. Varadi)
- 9.45-10.00 Coffee break
- 10.00-13.00 Discussion of the reports of the four NACEE Working Groups (Chair: T. Treer).
- Sturgeon breeding (L. Vasilyeva)
 - Carp genetics (A. Bogeruk)
 - New and high-value species (L. Varadi)
 - Aquaculture education (B. Glamuzina/K. Tylik)
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-15.30 Session on structure and functioning of NACEE (Chair: A. Bogeruk. Presenter: P. Lengyel)
- Main themes:
- Ways of improving the structure of NACEE (possibilities for decentralization)
 - Overcoming language barriers
 - Improvement of information flow (networking, NACEE homepage, AgroWeb, dissemination of publications)
- 15.30-15.45 Coffee break
- 15.45-17.45 Status and development of joint project activities (Chair: L. Hadjinikolova. Presenter: P. Lengyel)
- Main themes:
- EU projects with involvement of NACEE as a separate entity
 - Joint bi- and multilateral projects between NACEE members
 - Project proposals for submission during the next years (2006-2008)
- 18.00 Dinner

29 September, Friday

- 8.00-10.00 Status and development of international collaboration outside NACEE (Chairs: N. Patriche and I. Hrytsynyak. Presenter: L. Varadi)
- Main themes:
- Collaboration with non-NACEE member countries of CEE

- Collaboration with other international networks and organizations (e.g. FAO, NACA, EAS, Eurofish, EFARO)
 - Presentation of activities of Eurofish and possibilities for cooperation (Presented by A.-M. Haram, Eurofish)
 - Possible collaboration with neighbouring countries (e.g. Turkey, Iran, Kazakhstan, etc.)
- 10.00-11.00 Follow-up (Chairs: O. Linhart and L. Vasilyeva. Presenter: L. Varadi)
Main themes:
- Time and venue of the Fourth NACEE Directors' Meeting
 - Upcoming events of special importance
- 11.00-12.00 Invited presentations (Chairs: O. Linhart and L. Vasilyeva)
- Overview of ongoing FAO activities (U. Barg, FAO, Rome)
 - Strategies of fisheries and aquaculture development in the EU and lessons for Central and Eastern Europe (L. Varadi, HAKI, Hungary)
 - Mariculture in Central and Eastern Europe and possibilities for its development (B. Glamuzina, UNIDU, Croatia)
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- 13.00-18.00 Ad hoc working group meetings
- 18.00-20.00 Discussion and adoption of the Meeting Report
- 20.00 Farewell dinner

30 September, Saturday

Field trip – Visit to shellfish farming area, mussel and oyster farms, shellfish hatchery and the Research and Development Centre for Mariculture in Ston