Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Central and Eastern Europe (NACEE) will hold its **Fifth General Assembly Meeting on the 21st of May 2014 in Vodňany, Czech Republic**. The General Assembly will be hosted by the Faculty of Fisheries and Protection of Waters of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Czech Republic (FFPW USB).

In conjunction with the General Assembly, a scientific event of the AQUAREDPOT project will be held. The general timetable of the events are as follows:

18 May, Sunday Arrival

19-20 May, Monday-Tuesday AQUAREDPOT workshop on innovative outdoor fish farming technologies

21 May, Wednesday General Assembly of NACEE

22 May, Thursday 9 – 12h Tour of laboratories and workplaces of the South Bohemian Research Center of Aquaculture and Biodiversity of Hydrocenoses (CENAKVA) in Vodňany

14 – 19h Excursion (optional)

23 May, Friday Departure

**The "AQUAREDPOT workshop on innovative outdoor fish farming technologies"**

(19-20 May) is a two-day event co-organised by the FFPW USB and HAKI. The workshop will address new capital-extensive technological solutions to diversify the profile of pond farming sector.

The planned lectures would concentrate on such issues as

* rearing technologies in combined pond-based systems (e.g. cages, pond-in-pond systems, RAS integration into pond systems);
* enhancing natural productivity (e.g. stimulating heterotrophic food webs, in-pond biofilm management);
* water treatment and waste utilization;
* system design, energetic efficiency, engineering in small-scale systems;
* sustainability assessment of systems;
* economics of small-scale pond systems.

Further contributions from NACEE members and other interested participants are welcome.

The **NACEE General Assembly** (21 May) will be devoted to administrative obligations and important decisions about the budget, membership, working programme and joint projects.

Detailed information on the agenda of the NACEE GA and the programme of the scientific event, as well as technical details (accommodation, travel, instructions for authors) will be communicated later.

Yours sincerely,

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