Aquaculture Europe 2017: Industry Forum

“A stable supply of robust native oyster juveniles – identification and prioritisation of gaps and challenges”

Date: Wednesday, October 18
Time: 10:30 to 17:30
Room: Olipa 3, Valamar President Hotel

Chairs: Rosa Fernández Otero, Centro Tecnológico del Mar - Fundación CETMAR (CETMAR) and Gercende Courtois de Viçose, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC)

This Industry Forum, organised by the EAS Thematic Group on Flat Oysters, will bring together scientists and producers to address some of the principal bottlenecks and husbandry issues that are limiting the potential to bring back this native European species, so highly prized by connoisseurs and consumers. It will provide a forum for knowledge exchange and the sharing of best practices that have delivered significant progress in three key areas. It will also seek to address the socioeconomic dimension of each. Target audience: scientists and flat oyster producers from across Europe.

10h30 An overview of the EAS Thematic Group “Bringing back our native oyster”. Alistair Lane. European Aquaculture Society

Meeting objectives and explanation of meeting dynamics. Rosa Fernández Otero, Centro Tecnológico del Mar - Fundación CETMAR and Gercende Courtois de Viçose, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, (ES)

Session 1: A reliable supply of robust juveniles.

Co-chaired by: Dr. Luz Pérez-Parallé, University of Santiago de Compostela (USC), and Dr. Gercende Courtois de Viçose, (ULPGC)

11h10 State of the art in spat production and supply of flat oyster juveniles.
   Dr. Luz Pérez-Parallé, USC (ES)

11h30 Industry status and progress.
   The experience in Atlantic and Northern Countries in Europe.
   Ms. Patricia Daly. Bord Iascaigh Mhara, (IE)

   Flat-oyster production in the Mediterranean context.
   Dr. Kruno Bonačić. University of Dubrovnic (HR)

11h50 Discussion Forum and identification of key challenges.

12h30 Short summary of conclusions from debate.
   Dr. Gercende Courtoise.

12h50 - 14h30 Lunch (on your own)
Session 2: On-growing technologies and challenges
Chairied by Dr. Tony Legg, Jersey Seafarmers, (UK)
14h30 State of the art overview and Industry status and progress. The experience in UK and other relevant production sites in Europe.
   Dr. Tony Legg. Jersey Seafarmers, (UK)
14h50 Round table presentation of the status and challenges in other countries.
15h10 Discussion Forum - prioritisation, overcoming key challenges, sharing experience.
15h30 Short summary of conclusions from debate.
   Ms. Rosa Fernandez

Session 3: Restoring O. edulis populations
Chairied by Dr. Bernadette Pogoda, Alfred-Wegener-Institut, (DE).
15h50 Scientific knowledge and on-going initiatives around Europe for O. edulis restoration.
   Dr. Bernadette Pogoda, Alfred Wegener Institute, (DE)
16.10 Experiences on oyster restoration in the Netherlands.
   Dr. Pauline Kamermans, Wageningen Marine Research, IMARES (NL)
16h30 Discussion Forum and identification of key challenges
16h50 Short summary of conclusions from debate.
   Dr. Gerçende Courtoise
17h10 Prioritisation and next steps.
17h30 Meeting closure.