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JUNE NEWSLETTER

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

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1. News about Aquaculture Europe 2010

a) *Students have a special schedule*

Those of you that have already decided to go to the AE2010 conference (*thumbs up to you guys!!*) should be aware of the special student schedule before you book your flights and accommodations. The official conference-program runs from Tuesday evening (5th October) until Friday afternoon (8th October).

As we have this year the pleasure to offer you **two field trips**, please make sure you are in Porto to join our full-day trips on Tuesday (5th) and Saturday (9th). More information on this, you will find below. Book your flights accordingly! When you prepare your personal session-schedule, you should definitely plan on joining our **student workshop** and forum on Wednesday afternoon and block all your evening and night-time hours for our **social activities** (*You will never walk alone ;-)*

Regarding **accommodation**: The EAS has compiled a list of reasonably priced hostels especially for smaller budgets. Have a look here:

http://www.easonline.org/images/stories/Meetings/AE2010/AE2010_Porto_Hostels.pdf



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b) Last call for travel grants

Are you up to going to a high-ranking international conference? Do you want to meet with fellow students and well-known researchers “face-to-face”? Do you want to get your foot into the scientific community? Then you really HAVE TO go to the Aquaculture Europe conference 2010 (AE2010). This event will happen from 5th-8th October in Porto, Portugal. Of course, these conferences always cost a fortune to participate, but this is not the case for AE2010! Students and young people under the age of 30 get a great discount on the registration fee and, when they are registered EAS members, can apply for one of our **EAS-SG travel grants**. You can apply for the grant, irrespective of your nationality, mother-language and if/or if not you intend to give an oral or poster presentation during the conference. The EAS-SG especially wants to support students and young people with limited financial funding possibilities to participate. If you do not receive any financial support for this trip, please state so in your application by giving a declaration of honor. Please send an application to our EAS-SG office (info@eassg.org) containing:

1. a letter of motivation
2. a short CV
3. a picture of yourself
4. declaration of honor (optional)

The ultimate deadline for application is the 30th June.

c) Field trips

We have organized the possibility for you to join us on topic related field trips. For our own, student style, chaotic field trip we will go to a mussel farm surrounded by a wetland close to Porto. This is your unique chance to join us, and remember we invite you and so it will be for **FREE**. This trip will be organized on the 5th of October, the day before the fare. We would love if you could join us, plus it will be a good chance to establish a first contact.

We also offer a 50% funding and a special bargain price for students on the official field trip planned by the EAS. We have 10 places for the trip to AVEIRO, visiting a [RAS turbot facility and a soft green crab project](#). This trip costs usually 63.30 €, but with our funding and special student price we brought it down to **only 30€**. Not bad for a day of fully covered transportation, entertainment, science, food and drink, isn't it?

Registration for both trips is open NOW! Please send your binding statement for joining both or only one of the trips to: info@eassg.org.



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2. Call for candidature

The EAS Student Group Executive board and National Coordinators NEED YOU!

Like every year, we would like to open the candidature for the next EAS-SG executive board term 2010-11. When you have a look at our regulations (can be found on the website) you will see that the board gets elected annually by the student group members (YOU!). If you like to step into an active role in the EAS-SG and want to join the current team, hand in your candidature.

As taken from our EAS-SG regulation page:

(http://www.eassg.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=48&Itemid=62)

1. Elections shall take place, 2 months before the end of the office term, in order for new officers to be appointed as officers at the EAS conference.
2. The candidates can apply for each of the positions of the Executive board by writing a letter to the Election Committee.
3. All officers shall be elected by email or online voting organized by the election committee in partnership with the EAS board.
4. All EAS-SG members registered 2 months before the elections take place have the right to vote to elect the executive board of EAS-SG.

Eligible for board candidates (with the exception of president) are all members of the EAS-SG.

On the national level, we are working together with our National Coordinators. These EAS-SG members are our women and men “on the spot”. National coordinators have an important role in channeling information from the members to the trans-national level of the EAS-SG and vice versa. When you have a look at our website, you can see that we are still missing coordinators in some countries in Europe and we are always looking for contacts in overseas. We are currently trying to identify new, young and motivated national coordinators, who like to become involved.

Eligible for national coordinators are all persons who would like to contribute to a better network for students and young aquaculturists throughout Europe.



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3. Young Marine Scientists network meeting Germany

Young marine research: Diversity and similarities

Last Saturday 12th June the EAS-SG was involved in the first Young Marine Scientists Network Meeting of the German Marine Society. This student workshop under the title: “**Young marine research: Diversity and similarities**” was jointly organized for students and young researchers from all fields of research related to the aquatic environment, ranging from marine biology to chemistry, from fisheries science to aquaculture, from oceanographic modeling to socio-economy. Around 60 participants (BSc, Msc, PhD and postdocs) from more than 8 universities and research institutes



actively participated in a full-day program with 4 dedicated sessions (one of them was on “Aquaculture”), listened to 14 talks and enjoyed a >20 poster-session. A best poster price was awarded to young researcher and postdoc **Marc Hufnagl** from IHF Hamburg presenting his work on “Climate-driven, bottom-up control of North sea herring recruitment”. The

aquaculture session was the main session of the late afternoon and three speakers gave excellent perspectives on the aquaculture sector, covering the latest (German) research activities on RAS-technology at IMARE in Bremerhaven (presented by **Kai Lorkowski**), cell-culture technique applications in aquaculture at Fraunhofer Institute in Lübeck (presented by **Sebastian Rakers**) and an Indonesian field-study on socio-economic aspects of tropical mariculture presented by **Liesa von Essen** from ZMT Bremen. The session was chaired by Stefan Meyer, the current president-elect of the EAS Student Group.

The full book of abstracts can be downloaded from the EAS-SG website (partly in German). Currently, this year’s organizers are drafting a continuation of this successful event for the year 2011, but “the next time it will be an international event with even more opportunities for students and young researchers” says **Marc Einsporn**, the leading organizer from the study group of the German Marine Society.



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4. AquaTNET meeting Szarvas, Hungary

A team of scientists, professors, industry and students working for us?

AquaTNET (www.aquatnet.com) is the European Thematic Network in the field of aquaculture, fisheries and aquatic resources management. The network is presently funded under the European Commission Lifelong Learning Programme, running from 2008-2011.

The AquaTNET Annual Event 2010 was held June 2-3, in Szarvas (Hungary). All AquaTNET members and stakeholders were invited to attend this important event to find out about the activities and results of the project and debate the hot topics in Education and Training. The meeting was hosted by the Research Institute for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Irrigation (HAKI) in Szarvas, Hungary.

At final completion of the project, AquaTNET will be able to offer a concise overview of possibilities and chances for Aquaculture students, such as a sector-wide overview of MSc/PhD courses from major European Universities, chances for working with industry, going abroad, overcoming language barriers and many more. We will keep you updated!

More information can be found in the weekly teaser (would you like to know [more?](#)).

5. “Skilling me softly...”

Call for surveys, “You got a minute of your time???”

The term “soft skill” might be misleading when you realize that *generic skills* are the kind of qualifications, besides your professional ones, that decide about your chances of getting a job as a student. Usually things like “what to do with a broken computer” or “how to cooperate in a team” are considered something a student has to learn somehow on its own and they are still just two examples of generic skills a future employer might expect from you. These rather hard facts on soft skills have led the colleagues from the AquaTNET-project to the idea of running a sector-wide survey on soft skills to identify gaps in current training and to improve skills provision for people like us (and all other students, graduates, teachers and employers). The idea of the survey is to find the most important soft skills for each of these groups and to make sure that this knowledge is used in teaching at our universities and high schools.

Please check the following websites (depending on your status) and take a couple of minutes to fill out the survey. Your input is very much appreciated!

If you are a **student** please go to this link:

<http://www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=ea618ef0-e81b-4c3a-bff5-b2d1f22d7257>

If you are a **graduate** (i.e. you recently completed a university degree) please go to this link:

<http://www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=144616b4-36b8-427b-9ffb-1c2a1245e86d>



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If you are a **teacher** please go to this link:

<http://www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=2e435a0d-1bf6-4ec5-b579-4b4be1c59dfb>

If you are an **employer** please go to this link:

<http://www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=bbc39675-42e2-488f-81a9-f88909ea9574>

If you want to know more about the AquaTNET-project, please feel free to contact EAS-SG office (info@eassg.org) and we can help you out with some extra background information.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Second NACEE Conference of Young Researchers, Szarvas, Hungary, 30th-31st August 2010. [Link](#).
2. COMBAFF II, Conference on Conservation & Management of Balkan Freshwater Fishes, Gödöllő, Hungary, 1st-3rd September 2010. [Link](#).
3. ICES Annual Science Conference, Nantes, France, 20th-24th September 2010. [Link](#).
4. **Aquaculture Europe 2010 in Porto, Portugal, 5th-8th October 2010. [Link](#).**

An overview, what we consider relevant for students, can be found in the [UPCOMING EVENTS](#) section of our website.

On an international level upcoming events can be found at:

<http://www.conferencealerts.com/aqua.htm>.