



NACEE Directors at the Signing Ceremony of the Founding Document

First Meeting of Directors of the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Central-Eastern Europe (NACEE) Szarvas, Hungary, 21-24 November 2004

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The First Meeting of Directors of the **Network of Aquaculture Centres in Central-Eastern Europe** (NACEE) was held in Szarvas, Hungary between 21-24 November 2004, hosted by the Research Institute for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Irrigation (HAKI). Twenty-one institutions from 12 countries presented their institutes, their structure, programmes and activities. The objectives and expectations, basic functions, structure, organizational framework, networking mechanisms, contributions by NACEE members and next programme activities of NACEE were discussed and agreed by the participants. A Founding Document, formalizing the establishment of NACEE, was discussed and signed by the Directors of Institute Members of NACEE. The NACEE network membership presently involves 25 institutes from 13 countries of Central and Eastern Europe (see Box on page 14). HAKI at Szarvas was confirmed as the Coordinating Institute of NACEE.

The main purposes of NACEE are to facilitate the effective integration of the aquaculture R&D institutions in Central-Eastern Europe into the European Research Area and to develop an informal, flexible, and highly functional network to accomplish significant goals for aquaculture research and development. The goals of NACEE are to:

1. exchange of information among members (within the region);
2. facilitate the transfer of information relevant to aquaculture development of the region;
3. facilitate exchange of scientists with special regard to young ones;
4. initiate joint research, education and training programmes;
5. facilitate efforts aiming at the better involvement of Central-Eastern European institutions in European-level aquaculture development programmes;
6. assist the organization of regional aquaculture meetings and conferences;

7. facilitate the improvement of partnership between science and practice, with special regard to SMEs and producers associations;
8. enhance the capacity of Central-Eastern European institutions to be able to initiate and run regional aquaculture research and development projects supported by the EU, FAO and other international organizations; and
9. develop collaboration between the "Network" and other regional networks/organizations with special regard to NACA (Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific).

During the meeting in Szarvas, NACEE Members were informed of, and invited to contribute to, FAO/FIRI's initiatives on the National Aquaculture Sector Overviews (NASOs) and the forthcoming regional and global reviews of aquaculture development trends. It was agreed that the Second Meeting of NACEE Directors should be organized in conjunction with the envisaged FAO Expert Meeting on the Regional Review of Central and Eastern European Aquaculture Development, and that both meetings would be held during 5-9 September 2005.

The initiative to promote the establishment of the NACEE network was started in the context of the European Aquaculture Society (EAS). This initiative has also been presented and discussed in the framework of EIFAC, the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission, in particular its Sub-Commission on Aquaculture.

Noting the apparent success of the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia-Pacific (NACA), the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) in 2003, and its Sub-Committee on Aquaculture in its Sessions in 2002 and 2003 have reiterated the need for promotion of regional networking and cooperation on aquaculture. Based on these calls, FIRI, servicing the COFI Aquaculture Sub-Committee, has undertaken to support efforts of aquaculture networking in Africa and the Americas, in particular through commissioning of studies on the feasibility of establishing aquaculture networks similar to NACA. In line with these efforts in Africa and the Americas, FIRI is undertaking to support the NACEE regional aquaculture networking initiative in Central and Eastern Europe.



Mr Jiansan Jia, Chief, FIRI, signing the NACEE Founding Document

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Members of NACEE

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- ☐ Institute of Fisheries of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk, Republic of Belarus

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- ☐ Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Varna – Branch of Freshwater Fisheries, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

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- ☐ Department for Aquaculture, University of Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- ☐ Department of Fisheries, Beekeeping and Special Zoology, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

CZECH REPUBLIC

- ☐ Research Institute of Fish Culture and Hydrobiology, University of South Bohemia, Vodňany, Czech Republic

ESTONIA

- ☐ Department of Fish Farming, Estonian Agricultural University, Tartu, Estonia

HUNGARY

- ☐ Research Institute for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Irrigation, Szarvas, Hungary

LATVIA

- ☐ Latvian Crayfish and Fish Farmers' Association, Riga, Latvia

LITHUANIA

- ☐ Lithuanian State Pisciculture and Fisheries Research Centre, Vilnius, Lithuania

MOLDOVA

- ☐ Institute of Zoology of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Chisinau, Moldova

POLAND

- ☐ Institute of Ichthyobiology and Aquaculture, Polish Academy of Sciences, Gołysz, Chybie, Poland
- ☐ The Stanisław Sakowicz Inland Fisheries Institute, Olsztyn-Kortowo, Poland

ROMANIA

- ☐ Department of Fish Farming, Aquaculture and Fish Processing, Faculty of Animal Sciences and Biotechnologies, Banat's University of Agricultural Sciences, Timisoara, Romania
- ☐ Department of Fishing and Aquaculture, „Dunărea de Jos” University of Galați, Galați, Romania
- ☐ Institute of Research and Development for Aquatic Ecology, Fishing and Aquaculture, Galați, Romania

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- ☐ Federal Centre of Fish Genetics and Selection, Moscow, Russian Federation
- ☐ All-Russian Research Institute of Freshwater Fish Farming, Rybnoe, Dmitrov Region, Moscow Province, Russian Federation
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- ☐ State Research Institute on Lake and River Fisheries St-Petersburg, Russian Federation
- ☐ Scientific and Production Centre of Sturgeon Culture „BIOS”, Astrakhan, Russian Federation

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