Eurofish
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

December/January 2009

Events and Travel

30 November-2 December: Aina visited the conference "Estonian Fish 2009" and had a meeting with the Estonian Ministry of Agriculture to discuss cooperation oportunities.
7-11 December: Marco went to Georgia to make a workshop about certification, traceability and market demands for the Georgian authorities and seafood industry.
15-18 December: Behnan visited Albania for coverage in the Eurofish Magazine. He visited several farms and processing companies that will be featured in issue 1 2010.
18 December: We had a common Christmas party together with ICES, with whom we share our premises.
19 January: Marco attended a workshop held in Copenhagen about "The Future Environmental Labelling of Seafood," supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers. Eurofish will help arrange 2-3 workshops during the next two years as a part of the project.

Projects

Danish pelagic project - The development of the free software for fishing vessels, the Pelagic Information Program (PIP), is in progress and will be released around July 2010. Product tests and consumer surveys using a new herring product in a special organic marinade containing catch history will be taking place in Metro Denmark during March.

EFF Inland Fisheries study – Country reports from the Netherlands, Poland, Hungary, Sweden, Belgium, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Spain and Denmark have been delivered to the Commission and currently are being evaluated.

WTO Workshop - A regional workshop with the title "An update on WTO and market access issues in fisheries and aquaculture" is being co-organized by FAO and EUROFISH on 29-31 March 2010 in Kiev, Ukraine.

AquaInnova - This project seeks to establish a solid framework for European aquaculture that will support the sector's sustainable development, focusing on innovation and technological development in the aquaculture value chain. EUROFISH is responsible for the implementation of work package 6 on "Stakeholders consultation" and partially on work package 5 "Project promotion and dissemination".

Market Observatory – The inception report on "European Market Observatory for fisheries and aquaculture products" project was delivered to DG MARE, including the methodological work plan and road map.

Publications

NEW Eurofish Publications:

A Guide to Recirculation Aquaculture was printed and released in January 2010. The guide will assist traditional farmers to convert to recirculation aquaculture by introducing concepts, technology and advice.

A Handbook to Sustainable Aquaculture was a product of the SustainAqua project. The handbook is available as a free download on www.sustainaqua.org in several languages or in the Eurofish webshop as a hardcopy.

EUROFISH Magazine – The Eurofish Magazine EM1 2010 was completed and sent to print. It featured Albania and the Netherlands as the main countries and featured a new ongoing series on defrosting. The issue previewed the North Atlantic Seafood Forum, Fish International, and the European Seafood Exhibition in Brussels.

The February issue will be freely distributed as an electronic edition to our newsletter subscribers from the website: www.eurofishmagazine.com.

Visitors/External Meetings

11 January: A meeting was held for the freezer container project (development of a new device for independent time/temperature recording in freezer containers) to discuss the finalisation of the project in the next months.

22 January: Visit of Foodtag-Denmark (Hardy Jensen). The discussion was about funding options for new project applications. The issues were food traceability oriented projects and development of a new Eurofish guide on Radio Frequency Identification tags (RFID).

28-29 January: The 9th Session of the Governing Council was held at the Eurofish premises. The session was attended by 19 participants from 15 European countries, the Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (BSRAC) and the FAO. Ten Eurofish Member Countries were present.

Website and IT

The Eurofish Magazine website (www.eurofishmagzine.com) and several project websites were transferred to a new host. The new Jan/Feb issue of the Eurofish Magazine was added to the Magazine website. A newsletter is being designed and created that will inform people about the topics in the upcoming issue.

No market reports were produced in December but five new Market Reports were added in January and a newsletter will be distributed in February

Staff

Aina was unfortunately hit by a car on January 27, the night before the Governing Council meeting, sending her to the hospital with a broken hip. She underwent surgery and is expected to be away from the office for at least 2 months.

Anca started her work in January in the Project Unit.

Events and Meetings in February

2-3 February: Kick-off meeting and partners pre-meeting on the project "European Market Observatory for fisheries and aquaculture products", Brussels
3-4 February: Marel Show – An annual event where Marel presents equipment at their permises in Nørresundby-Denmark.
7-8 February: AquaInnova
11 February: Meeting for the Danish pelagic project, Hirtshals.
16 February: Kick-off meeting for the study "Feasibility for creating Fishing Companies Joint Ventures in Russia", Madrid.
19-21 February: India International Seafood Show, Chennai
21-22 February: Fish International, Bremen