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European Aquaculture Technology Platform

SINTEF Fisheries and Aquaculture AS has, together with Nutreco Holding N.V, Marine Harvest Group ASA, Selonda Aquaculture S.A, Tinamenor S.A, the University of Gent, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology taken initiative establish a European Technology Platform for Aquaculture.

Over the last two decades the European aquaculture industry has shown a strong ability to take up research and new knowledge and turning it into increased production of food and strong economic growth. Today the industry must be considered as world leaders in their field and European aquaculture technology is clearly one of the areas where Europe has the edge and can make a difference in the future.

Nevertheless, the industry is facing able competition from other parts of the world. Therefore, in order for the industry to stay ahead and realize its potential, a substantial increase in investment in research, technological development and demonstration activities will be required. To influence the EC research agenda and to make the most of the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) the European Aquaculture Industry must develop a comprehensive, viable and trustworthy Research Agenda that the EC finds compelling. Unless the European Aquaculture Industry manages that, we fear that our industry will not receive its proper and needed share of the increased research budget, research in our priority areas may be fragmented, made in duplicate, inefficient and ineffective. In short we may loose out to other industries competing for the same funds. Therefore it is vital the European Aquaculture Industry speak with one voice when communicating its visions and research priorities to the EC.

In order to accomplish this, a group of individuals has taken the initiative to create a *European Aquaculture Technology Platform*. We invite all stakeholders involved in the European aquaculture industry to participate in an open and transparent way to formulate the Vision and Strategies for the common purpose of upholding the world leadership of the European aquaculture industry.

The central aim of the platform, we propose, is to influence the EC research agenda with a one-voice identification of research priorities by the industry through the technology platform.

First Stakeholder Meeting

This meeting will debate and formulate *a)* a common vision for the industry for the next 20 years, and *b)* initiative areas (pillars) for the coming Strategic Research Agenda.

Agenda

- v Discussion of Vision, Terms of Reference
- v Identifying Initiative Areas & Groups
- v Appointing persons responsible for Initiative Groups

You are welcome to participate at the meeting. Please find more information and online registration for the First EATP Stakeholders Meeting at: www.EATPnet.eu

EATP First Stakeholder Meeting

March 22, 2007

Paleis der Academiën

Hertogsstraat 1, Brussels

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