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Baltic Inland Aquaculture Sector - Challenges and Opportunities

Latvia, 7.- 8. November 2024,

Location: Hotel Jūrmala Spa & Conference Centre, Jomas iela 47/49, Jūrmala, LV-2015, Latvia

Program, 7th of November:

8: 00	Arrival of participants and Coffee
8: 30	Registration and placement of posters on poster panels
Opening of conference	
9: 00	Opening remarks. Armands Krauze , Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia
9: 10	Welcome address. Marco Frederiksen , Director of International Organization EUROFISH.
SESSION I, PLENARY SESSION	
9:20	Aquaculture industry and economics in Latvia. Normunds Riekstiņš , Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia, Fisheries department
9:30	Market situation for aquaculture products in Europe with a focus on Baltic Sea Region. Francesca Barazzetta , EUROFISH
9:45	Future pond systems with certified environmental benefits. Urbányi Béla , Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
10:00	The mission of Institute of Food Safety, Animal health and Environment (BIOR) in aquaculture development of Latvia. Aivars Bērziņš , Institute BIOR
10:15	Questions and Answers
10:35	Coffee and poster session
SESSION II- BEST PRACTICE & EXPERIENCE STORIES	
11:00	Recirculation aquaculture guide – introduction of the updated guide. Advances and recent developments in new species in RAS. Jacob Bregnballe , AKVAgroun
11:30	Pond aquaculture – introduction of the new guide. Advances and recent developments in new species in ponds. Urbányi Béla , Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences

12:00	Seawater-based RAS experience in Lithuania. Nerijus Nika , University of Klaipeda
12:15	Enhancing habitat restoration in the Baltic Sea through integrated low-trophic aquaculture: a novel approach to nutrient sequestration. Jonne Kotta , Tartu university
12:30	RAS – how the world is rotating in Latvia. Lauris Apsis , BlueCircle
12:45	Questions and Answers
13:00-14:00	LUNCH
SESSION III – EXPERIENCE STORIES	
14:00	Aquaculture practice, catfish rearing. Vladas Vickunas , Akvapona
14:15	Aquaculture experience story of “Kalatalu Härjanurmes”, Estonia. Marti Liiv , Härjanurme Kalatalu
14:30	Evolution and adaptation in salmonid farming for small enterprises: A case study of market growth and strategic shifts (1994-2024). Armands Roze , FAPS
14:45	The evolution of Lithuanian aquaculture: from traditional practices to organic farming. Rolandas Morkūnas , National aquaculture and fish product procession association of Lithuania
15:00	Questions and Answers
15:15-15:30	Coffee and poster session
SESSION IV– AQUACULTURE for HUMAN HEALTH and ENVIRONMENT QUALITY	
15:30	European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) support in capacities building for aquaculture animals health and welfare in Lithuania. Darius Nienius , National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute
15:45	Reduction of energy consumption within RAS. Michael Bech , CEO, Nordic Aquaculture Consulting
16:00	Utilizing waste streams from pond systems. Piotr Eljasik , West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin
16:15	Fish products for food - assessment of risks and benefits for human health. Jānis Ruško , Institute BIOR
16:30	Questions and Answers
POSTER SESSION	
17:00	Poster session
19:00	Welcome reception and dinner

Program, 8th of November:

9:30	Departure from the hotel by conference bus
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10:30-12:00	Visit of the Aquaculture Innovation and Infrastructure Research Center at the Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health, and Environment (BIOR) for Group 1 – for participants arriving by conference bus. Return to the hotel via Riga bus terminal and airport.
12:30-14:00	Visit of the BIOR Aquaculture Innovation and Infrastructure Research Center for Group 2 – for participants arriving by private transport