

PROGRAMME

of the

FAO-NACEE CONFERENCE ON AQUACULTURE IN THE CAUCASUS Yerevan, Armenia, 21-22 April 2009

20 April, Monday

07.00-19.00 Arrival and accommodation of participants

19.00 Welcome Dinner

21 April, Tuesday

08.00-08.30 Registration

08.30-09.00 Opening and introductory remarks

- *Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture of Armenia*
- *Thomas Moth-Poulsen, FAO Sub-Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe*
- *Laszlo Varadi, director general of the Coordinating Institution of NACEE*

Overview of aquaculture development in the Caucasus countries and NACEE

09.00-09.45 Status of aquaculture in the NACEE Region – general overview

09.45-10.00 Coffee break

10.00-12.00 Case studies:

- *10.00-10.30 New challenges and ways of aquaculture development in the new EU member states (or: The strategy of sustainable development of European aquaculture)*
- *10.30-11.00 Aquaculture development in Russia (or: The European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATIP) as a new initiative for European aquaculture development)*
- *11.00-11.30 Aquaculture development in Ukraine (or: FAO programs for fisheries and aquaculture development in Europe and Central Asia)*
- *11.30-12.00 Discussion*

12.00-12.05 Group photo

12.05-13.00 Lunch

13.00-15.00 Status of aquaculture in the Caucasus countries

- *13.00-13.30 Aquaculture in Armenia*
- *13.30-14.00 Aquaculture in Azerbaijan*
- *14.00-14.30 Aquaculture in Georgia*
- *14.30-15.00 Discussion*

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

Discussion of cooperation possibilities

- 15.30-18.00 Discussion of possible cooperation frameworks
- 15.30-17.00 *EU and FAO development assistance programmes; Participation of Caucasus countries in EU and FAO projects; Bilateral cooperation and other cooperation frameworks*
 - 17.00-17.30 *NACEE as a framework for cooperation*
 - 17.30-18.00 *Discussion*

18.00-19.00 Improving information exchange and networking through the Internet (AgroWeb, NACEE webpage)

20.00 Dinner

22 April, Wednesday

- 09.00-10.30 Roundtable discussion on possible cooperation areas
- *Research and development cooperation*
 - *Cooperation in education and training*
 - *Improving mobility of students and researchers*

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

- 11.00-12.30 Roundtable discussion on possible cooperation areas
- *Business opportunities*
 - *Mutual visits of farmers and other representatives of the industry*

12.30-13.30 Buffet lunch

13.30-15.30 Informal group discussions, possible adoption of cooperation agreements

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 Adoption of the Meeting Report

19.00- Farewell dinner

23 April, Thursday

Departure