



**NETWORK OF AQUACULTURE CENTRES IN
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (NACEE)**

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Chisinau, Moldova, 19 October 2011

Present: see list of participants in Annex 1.

1. Mr. Peter Lengyel, the General Secretary of the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Central and Eastern Europe (NACEE) greeted the participants on behalf of the NACEE Executive Board. He said that, although he was not a member of TAC, he was present in order to give clarifications in case questions arose about NACEE commitments, the NACEE Statutes, the TAC Terms of Reference or the TAC Rules of Procedure. He also would help the work of TAC by preparing the Minutes of the First Meeting.
2. Mr. Zsigmond Jeney volunteered to temporarily chair the Meeting until the election of the TAC Chair. He also clarified that the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) and Rules of Procedure (ROP) provided by the Executive Board to the TAC was just a discussion material serving as a starting point for the elaboration of TAC's own TOR and ROP, and it by no means implies any suggestion or pressure on behalf of the Executive Board.
3. Mr. Jeney proposed to first decide on the agenda of the Meeting. The TAC members agreed on the following agenda:
 - Discussing and accepting the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Technical Advisory Committee;
 - Election of the TAC Chair;
 - Deciding on the research agenda of NACEE for the next period.
4. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the Technical Advisory Committee were discussed, modified and adopted unanimously by the members. The adopted documents are attached as Annex 2 to the present Minutes.
5. Three candidates were nominated by the participants for the position of TAC Chair: Mr. Ryszard Kolman, Ms. Elena Zubcov and Mr. Aleksandr Litvinenko. Ms. Zubcov and Mr. Litvinenko thanked the participants for the trust, but indicated that they were unable to take up the assignment. In accordance with the TAC Rules of Procedure, an open vote was conducted, which elected Mr. Kolman with 14 aye votes, no nay votes and one abstention.

6. After thanking the TAC members and accepting the position, Mr. Kolman took over chairing of the meeting. Under his direction, a discussion was held on the research agenda of NACEE. The following main points were voiced and decisions were taken:
 - All TAC members should prepare and send to the TAC Chair their ideas and proposals regarding the future research needs and activities of NACEE. The Chair will then compile a draft research agenda and distribute it both to TAC members and the NACEE Executive Board.
 - TAC members should focus on two different levels in their proposals – a long-term (5-year) vision, and specific steps for reaching these long-term goals.
 - There was a general consensus on the primary importance of improving the involvement of Eastern European NACEE members in EU projects. One of the tasks of TAC should be the development of project ideas and consortia that could jointly apply for EU projects.
 - Information was provided to members on different EU projects and initiatives (e.g. transboundary cooperation, REGPOT, etc.) that could be targeted by NACEE. Mr. Jeney emphasized that there were some available projects that he had presented the previous day on the NACEE General Assembly. He would send information to all TAC members, but, as their deadline was very short, he expected all interested members to react quickly.
 - Mr. Jeney emphasized that projects very often developed from personal relationships between researchers. For this reason, he stressed the importance of participation in international conferences and building relationships with Western scientists.
 - In addition to conference participation, other visibility-improving actions were also proposed, such as joint scientific publications or publishing informative papers in the EUROFISH Magazine or the Aquaculture Europe Magazine.
 - Mr. Pilipenko requested the Executive Board to send an official letter on the establishment of TAC to the directors of the institutions of TAC members. He also asked the Executive Board to send the contact details of TAC members to each member in order to facilitate direct contacts.

7. Upon discussing all the agenda points, the Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee closed the Meeting.

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