



AQUAGAMETE

COST Action FA1205: AQUAGAMETE - Assessing and improving the quality of aquatic animal gametes to enhance aquatic resources. The need to harmonize and standardize evolving methodologies, and improve transfer from academia to industry

First Announcement

Dear colleagues,

The AQUAGAMETE COST Action (aquagamete.webs.upv.es/web) is pleased to announce the **1st AQUAGAMETE Training School**.

The **1st AQUAGAMETE Training School** is aimed towards young researchers (PhD students, young post-docs and MSc students) as well as representatives from industry. The course will be focused on **Techniques for germline cryobanking** integrating aspects of different expertise and covering topics such as:

- Gamete cryopreservation
- Post-thaw quality evaluation
- Germline biotechnology
- Cryopreservation applications
- Basic knowledge on cell cryopreservation

The **1st AQUAGAMETE Training School** will highlight the most recent developments in each topic, promoting a strong interaction between experienced trainers working in different **Techniques for germline cryobanking** and trainees.

The course will take place between **13 - 17th May 2013** at the Institute of Marine Sciences of Andalucía (ICMAN.CSIC, Cádiz, Spain) facilities and counts with the collaboration of the University of León (ULe) and the Polytechnic University of Valencia (UPV).

The number of participants will be restricted to 15 persons. Financial support from the AQUAGAMETE COST Action (for travelling and accommodation) will be available for students. Registration is available until the 22nd March and both for students (free registration fee) and for industry representatives (300 euros) includes access to all lectures and laboratorial practices, support material and transport between facilities and main hotel.

The application deadline is **22nd March** and complete applications must be sent via e-mail to aquagamete@gmail.com. Eligible candidates will be announced until the end of

March. For more detailed information please contact Elsa Cabrita (elsa.cabrita@icman.csic.es).

Applications should include:

- Application form;
- short *Curriculum Vitae* in the area (only for students);
- motivation letter for participating in the training school, which should indicate the academic/professional status of the applicant;
- letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor or employer
- Financial Support justification (only for students)

We would appreciate if you could forward this announcement via e-mail to colleagues or students who may be interested in participating. More information available soon at: <http://aquagamete.webs.upv.es/>

Best regards

Elsa Cabrita