



**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](http://aquagamete.webs.upv.es/web)) is pleased to announce the **3<sup>rd</sup> AQUAGAMETE Training School**.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 in Reproductive Biology and Cryobanking**, integrating aspects of different expertise and covering topics such as:

- Epigenetics in aquaculture and cryobanking
- Gamete cryopreservation
- Post-thaw gamete quality evaluation
- Germline biotechnology
- Cryopreservation applications
- Basic knowledge on cell cryopreservation

The **3<sup>rd</sup> AQUAGAMETE Training School** will highlight the most recent developments in each topic, promoting a strong interaction between experienced trainers working in different **Techniques in Reproductive Biology and Cryobanking** and trainees.

The course will take place between **13 - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015** at CCMAR-University of Algarve (Portugal) facilities and will be organized by the Aquaculture Research Group.

The number of participants will be restricted to 18 persons. Financial support from the AQUAGAMETE COST Action (for travelling and accommodation) will be available for students. Registration is available until the **1<sup>st</sup> December** and both for students (100 euros) and for industry representatives (300 euros) includes all lunches, access to lectures and laboratorial practices, support material, transport between facilities and main hotel and a social dinner.

The application deadline is **1<sup>st</sup> December** and complete applications must be sent via

e-mail to [aquagamete@gmail.com](mailto:aquagamete@gmail.com). Eligible candidates will be announced by the **8<sup>th</sup> December**. For more detailed information please contact Elsa Cabrita ([ecabrita@ualg.pt](mailto:ecabrita@ualg.pt)).

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