



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

Second Announcement

Dear colleagues,

More detailed information is now available for the **3rd AQUAGAMETE Training School** which will be held at the Centre for Marine Sciences, CCMAR, **13-16th January** in Faro, Portugal. This 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 Fish Reproductive Biology and Cryobanking** integrating aspects of different expertise and covering topics in theoretical lectures and practical classes.

Tentative classes:

Theoretical:

Epigenetics of sex determination
Epigenetics in development and aquaculture
Cryopreservation damage in germ cells
Diploid genome preservation and regeneration
Germ cell applications in reproductive biology
Standardization of procedures and reporting in cryopreservation
Cryopreservation case studies: seabream, eel and oyster larvae

Practical classes:

Sperm cryopreservation in marine fish
Applications of microinjection to egg quality improvement
Germ line isolation and microinjection

The number of participants will be restricted to 15 persons. Registration is available until **1st December** and both for students (100 euros) and for industry representatives (300 euros) includes lunches, access to all lectures and laboratorial practices, support material and transport between facilities and main hotel. Complete applications must be sent via e-mail to aquagamete@gmail.com.

Eligible candidates supported by COST will receive a grant (reimbursed after the course) which may cover travel, accommodation and daily allowance. Grant decisions, including the amount granted, will be communicated to each candidate by **8th December**. Registration payment will be done after this date. We will contact you with this information.

For more detailed information please contact Pepa Bayarri (aquagamete@gmail.com) or Elsa Cabrita (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 (brief explanation of expected travel costs derived of the attendance to the Training School)

Local information and organization:

The course will be organized by the Aquaculture Research group from CCMAR and will be held at the facilities of the University of Algarve. There will be a bus available from the hotel Faro, downtown to the University (around 6.7 km) in the morning and after finishing the classes.

How to arrive to Faro?

By plain:

- **Directly to Faro.** There are several low cost companies operating to this destination.
- Via **Lisbon (Portela airport)** and then taking a train at **Oriente station** directly to Faro (3 h) or a flight connection Lisbon-Faro.
- Via **Seville** and then taking a bus to Faro.

Train schedule can be checked at www.cp.pt

Where to stay in Faro?

Hotel Faro (4 stars)

Web: www.hotelfaro.pt

rates: 57€ / 67€ (single/double with buffet breakfast included)

Hotel Eva (4 stars)

Web: hotel-eva-faro.h-rez.com

rates: 68€ / 78€ (single/double with buffet breakfast included)

Hotel Santa Maria (3 stars)

Web: www.hotelsantamaria.pt

rates: 39€ (single or double, breakfast not included)

Hospedaria São Filipe

Email: geral@guesthouse-saofilipe.com

Web: www.guesthouse-saofilipe.com

rates: 31 € / 36 € (single/double room)

Hotel Dom Bernardo

Email :reservas@hoteldombernardo.com

Web: www.hoteldombernardo.com

rates: 33 €/39 € (single/double)

Hostel Residencial Sun Algarve

Email:reservas@residencialalgarve.com

Web: www.residencialalgarve.com

rates: 32 €/40 € (single/double)

Casa d'Alagoa - Faro Hostel

Email: farohostel@gmail.com

Facebook <http://pt-br.facebook.com/hostelcasadalagoa#!/hostelcasadalagoa?sk=info>

Bed and Breakfast Azothea

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Azotheabnb>

rates: 30 euros single or double

All prices are indicative and were consulted by internet, expect for hotel Eva and Hotel Faro where we agreed a special price.

Transportation to the University

Daily transportation will pick student at the Hotel Faro and leave them at the University facilities each morning and for returning.

AQUAGAMETE Training Course location

