

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 **7th AQUAGAMETE Training School**.

The **7th 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 **Fish proteomics** and will include theoretical and practical classes. The course will provide an introduction to the field of proteomics and emphasizes hands-on experience with two dimensional electrophoresis and mass spectrometry protein identification.

Specific topics include:

Introduction to proteomics

Proteomics in reproductive science

Proteomics in fish research

Techniques of sample preparation for proteomic analysis

Two dimensional electrophoresis

Detection of spots, digestion and protein identification

Bioinformatics in proteomic research

The **7th AQUAGAMETE Training School** will highlight the most recent developments in each topic, promoting a strong interaction between experienced trainers working in different **proteomic areas** and trainees.

The course will take place between **26 - 30th September 2016** at the Institute of Animal Reproduction and Food Research in Olsztyn, Poland.

The number of participants will be restricted to 9 persons. Financial support from the AQUAGAMETE COST Action (for travelling, meals and accommodation) will be available for trainees. Registration will be available from 1st August and both for students (no registration fee) and for industry representatives (fee of 300 euros) and includes access to all lectures and laboratorial practices, support material and transport between facilities and main hotel.

The application deadline is **10th July** and complete applications must be sent via e-mail to aquagamete@gmail.com. Eligible candidates will be announced by the end of July.

For more detailed information please contact Andrzej Ciereszko (a.ciereszko@pan.olsztyn.pl).

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 where candidates should estimate their costs in travelling, accommodation and meals during their attendance to the Training School.

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,

Andrzej Ciereszko