

### Reprofish events in autumn 2008

A special day-long Reprofish session on fish reproduction and sustainable aquaculture was held at the Aquaculture Europe 2008 event, in Krakow, Poland, in September 2008. The aim of this session was to highlight the latest technical advances in fish reproduction control and identify the current knowledge gaps. The conclusion reached was that it is not always easy to adapt scientific knowledge to the needs of the industry; science and industry must work more closely together to find solutions for an aquaculture production that is sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Within this context the **Reprofish and Aquabreeding projects met with the European fish and shellfish hatchery industry** during a highly successful and stimulating joint meeting in October 2008, in Paris. The aim of this meeting was to present the major objectives and outcomes of these two fish reproduction and breeding projects to the industry, thus providing them with the opportunity to voice their current concerns and problems to the scientific community and to pinpoint needs in terms of future fish reproduction and breeding research.



Reprofish session speakers at Aquaculture Europe 2008

Aquabreeding-Reprofish workshop



A report on these events, including the programme and presentations, is available on the project website.

### What's new on the website?

- **Protocols for fish farmers** addressing problems encountered in breeding fish in captivity
- Further **species reproduction profiles** Eurasian perch, common sole, Atlantic halibut...
- **Workshop materials** programmes, presentations, meeting reports
- **Useful listings** updated associations, federations, specialist publications, websites...
- Listing of institutions offering **courses** related to fish reproduction biology

Over 7000 visitors to the site since its launch in September 2007, with nearly 30,000 pages viewed!

### Current work priorities

The current focus is on finalising the production of the **special review**, for General and Comparative Endocrinology, presenting an overview of groundbreaking research articles on the basic mechanisms of fish reproduction.

### Project close approaching...

By the end of **January 2009** the project will have completed:

- **A special issue** for General and Comparative Endocrinology
- The Reprofish **website**
- A report for the European Commission on **future research priorities** in fish reproduction biology.
- The **final project report**, summarising all the project activities and outcomes

The project website will be maintained by the INRA Institute beyond the end of the project and will continue to be a useful source of information on fish reproductive biology.

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