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Our story & achievements

Set up in 1996 as a tightly-knit collaboration of university departments and research institutes, AQUA-TNET's ground-breaking work in educational reforms led to a steady expansion and by 2005 it had become the largest multidisciplinary European education network in the field of aquaculture, fisheries and aquatic resource management. AQUA-TNET plays a leading co-operative role between higher education institutions and other partners such as academic organisations, research institutions and industry, in order to enhance quality and to define and develop a European dimension within its academic disciplines.

Its multi-faceted approach has enabled AQUA-TNET to make a real contribution to uniting academic and vocational aspects of the Bologna reforms, aiming for greater compatibility and comparability of the systems of higher education in Europe.



The next chapter

In the decade up to 2020 European higher education has been singled out as having a vital and innovative contribution to make in realising a Europe of knowledge. AQUA-TNET supports the establishment of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in the aquaculture, fisheries and aquatic resources management sectors. The new phase commenced in 2008, with the aim of driving forward ongoing and proposed Bologna higher education priorities (London 2007, Louvain, 2009) and the parallel vocational education and training priorities as set out in the Helsinki (2006) and Bordeaux (2008) Communiqués.

Membership benefits

AQUA-TNET members enjoy considerable benefits and gain access to valuable services. The secretariat provides customised publications, including;

A monthly e-newsletter, **Training News**, with a global readership of 4,500, highlighting training developments, collaboration opportunities, upcoming events, a student corner and more;

The **AQUA-TNET newsletter**, published monthly to highlight network events;

BibMail provides an overview of the contents of major aquaculture-relevant scientific journals;

Information of Interest is an overview of the latest publications, reports, and manuals relating broadly to aquaculture, with links to relevant files and contact information;

PiscesTT Jobs, the online recruitment service for aguaculture and related sciences, averaging more than twenty new jobs per month with more than 1,500 registered subscribers.

Key Milestones

- Annual working meetings for each of the nine core work package groups.
- An annual event bringing together all network members for stimulating debates on key issues in the sector.
- Extensive surveys of target audiences, carried out by the core work package groups, and publication of the results and
- Data collection and the creation of a comprehensive web presence – www.aquatnet.com – hosting data bases on mobility opportunities, PhD and Master Degree courses, and innovative