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Questionnaire on Survey and Diagnosis of Fish Diseases in Europe 2015

Dear Colleagues,

Now the time has arrived again for collecting data on Survey and Diagnosis of the listed fish diseases in Europe for 2015 according to Council Directive 2006/88/EC Annex IV part II.

These questionnaires have been conducted every year since 1995! It is therefore time to consider if we should continue the same way or look for alternative and more appropriate forms for collating the necessary data. No doubt that the questionnaires have provided a lot of important data, but during all the years it was our hope to finally being able to obtain and present an exact picture of the fish diseases situation in Europe. This has unfortunately failed as the number of de-facto KHV, VHS or IHN infected farms in continental Europe is still unknown.

We have therefore taken the consequences this year and reduced the questionnaire considerably by removing many questions and just retaining a limited number of the most important questions.

In supplement to this short questionnaire we then ask each NRL to give us a written report on

- 1) the aquaculture production
- 2) the health status as regard the listed diseases
- 3) other diseases in the respective countries.

The answers will be collated in a report before the 20th Annual Workshop 31.5-1.6 2016 and presented here (we expect that some of you will give a presentation on relevant specific topics)

Please be aware that we would also like you to put emphasis on diagnosis and surveillance of important non-listed diseases that might be considered for future listing- like SAV causing SD/PD, carp edema virus (CEV) and CyHV1 & 2, PMCV, VirusY, and PRV.

The general production data in Europe will still be obtained from **FAO Fisheries Global Information System (FIGIS) Aquaculture Production**, and questions on these aspects are still not included in this survey.

The general production data do not cover the number of farms or their health categorization, information that are important for epidemiological analysis. We therefore, as usual, ask you to provide these data to us.

Furthermore, we would like to collect information on the geographical localization of zones and compartments with different health categories in your country. Therefore we would encourage you to submit a map with this information. These maps could be retrieved from [Maps of Europe](#) but feel free to use the map that best fit your needs.

Please use your country template in the attached **S&D Excel template 2015 as well as the S&D word form 2015** with the name of your country and submit both completed forms to Teena Klinge (tevk@vet.dtu.dk) and Niccolò Vendramin (niven@vet.dtu.dk) **by 18th of April 2016**. The templates can also be downloaded from our webpage www.eurl-fish.eu .

An overview of the data collected from this survey will be presented at the **20th Annual Workshop for National Reference Laboratories for Fish Diseases, Copenhagen, Denmark 31th May and 1st of June 2016.**

Thank you for your cooperation

Best Regards

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