



Announcement of the 2024 training course organized by the EURL for Fish and Crustacean Diseases

Dear colleagues,

We hereby announce that the EURL training course in 2024 on validation of diagnostic methods for fish and crustacean diseases will be held during week 41, 2024. Please feel free to forward and circulate this invitation to colleagues that might be interested in this training course.

The course is entitled:

- **“Validation of Diagnostic methods for fish and crustacean diseases” in week 41 from Monday the 7th to Wednesday the 9th of October 2024**

A preliminary programme is attached to this invitation and can be downloaded from our website www.eurl-fish.eu

The EU commission has allocated a specific budget for organizing and holding these training courses, meaning that we can offer up to 15 participants from NRLs of EU Member States the following package.

Package for up to 15 NRL representatives of EU Member states includes:

- No course fee
- Reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses according to EU regulations
- Lunches and coffee breaks will be included
- One social dinner

For other members of governmental institutions, such as Universities, Veterinary institutes etc. the package includes:

- No course fee
- Travel expenses and accommodation must be covered by the participant
- Fee for lunch and coffee of around 25 € per day plus fee for social dinner

Finally, members of private companies are welcome to apply for participation. The package offered to these participants includes:

- Course fee (700 €)
- Travel expenses, accommodation and daily allowances must be covered by the participant
- Fee for lunch and coffee of around 25 € per day plus fee for social dinner



Registration will be open until August 15th 2024: in order to finalize the registration we ask you to fill out the registration form provided with this invitation letter. The registration form has to be followed by a letter of motivation, where your background and working experience are described. The form and the motivational letter have to be sent by email to Lis Vinther lvi@aqua.dtu.dk . The information obtained will solely be used to evaluate participants according to the foreseen activities.

On August the 21st a letter to all applicants will be submitted indicating if they are accepted for participation. Due to space limitation we have to restrict number of participants to 15 persons .

The EURL will prioritize applications from NRL's in the EU Member States, afterwards places will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis.

For further information please contact consult our website at www.eurl-fish.eu or contact Lis Vinther lvi@aqua.dtu.dk

Best regards,

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Preliminary program training course week 41

Time slot	Day 1 – Monday 7 th October	Day 2- Tuesday 8 th October	Day 3 Wednesday 9 th October
9:00-10:15	Introduction and presentations of participants The importance of accurate and reliable diagnostics & Diagnostic assays and fit for purpose	Pooling Case studies	Regulatory compliance and quality assurance. Maintenance of accreditation and Proficiency tests
10:15-10:45	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
10:45-12:00	The validation pathway WOH EURL Diagnostic manuals for listed fish and crustacean diseases	Validation immunochemical methods	Novel technologies for aquatic animal diagnostics Predictive values of diagnostic data
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00-14:15	Analytical validation Standard materials and controls	Diagnostic validation	Practical exercises from students and discussion/1
14:15-14:30	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
14:45-16:00	Analytical validation	Diagnostic validation	Practical exercises from students and discussion/2 Course evaluation and conclusions