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From Fishing to Farming: Aquaculture in Ocean Literacy – Call for Abstracts

Event date:

04/10/2021 (All day) to 07/10/2021 (All day)

We are calling for presentations of inspiring examples of ocean literacy projects, tools and communication campaigns in relation to sustainable aquaculture to be showcased at the Aquaculture Europe 2021 Madeira, Portugal, 4-7 October 2021.



Nausicaá and Ciência Viva are organising a session about ocean literacy and sustainable aquaculture at the [Aquaculture Europe 2021](#) [2] *Ocean of Opportunities* [2] annual congress. The congress is a place where hundreds of professionals from the entire sector meet and this year they will gather in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal, from 4 to 7 October. The [AE2021](#) [3] will also feature an international trade exhibition, industry forum, student sessions and activities, satellite workshops and updates on EU research.

Our session *From Fishing to Farming: Aquaculture in Ocean Literacy* will assemble science educators, scientists and representatives of the aquaculture industry to reveal some of the most inspiring “stories”, to explore best practice in communicating about sustainable aquaculture and to understand how this hot topic can be dealt with in a balanced way while addressing pupils, students and the general public. How can we improve the acceptance of sustainable aquaculture products by the Europeans? Using the example of inspiring science communication projects, programmes and ocean literacy tools dedicated to sustainable aquaculture, we will discuss this question.

We are looking for high quality oral presentations of successful and inspiring examples of ocean literacy initiatives, projects, tools and communication campaigns about sustainable aquaculture.

Abstracts requesting oral presentation must be submitted before the **1st May 2021** deadline [here](#) [4] to have a chance to be selected for oral presentation.

Instructions for preparation of abstracts are [here](#) [4] .

The European Union faces important societal challenges arising from global environmental and social-economical threats. These include climate change, depletion of natural resources, pollution and food security.

Aquaculture has a clear place in securing food production in the European Union and presents “Oceans of Opportunities” for development and investment if given the political and social acceptance to expand and develop. Therefore, increasing ocean literacy and public awareness regarding sustainable use of living resources, marine and coastal planning and environmental protection, as well as public acceptance of sustainable aquaculture is essential.

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