

Fish, Algae and Vertical Farms, and there you are... AquaFarm.

Sustainable aquaculture, algae-culture and vertical farming: these are the topics of a two-day *conference and expo* scheduled for the next 26th and 27th January at Pordenone Fiere.

Milano / Pordenone 9 November 2016. Aquafarm, held at Fiera di Pordenone on 26th and 27th January 2017, is collecting more and more subscriptions and enthusiasm from the protagonists of the three connected sectors connected to each other it focuses upon.

Let's start with **aquaculture**: the partnership with the API - Italian Fish-farmers Association - is helping to develop the event both on the agenda side, and on the collateral events side. "API - said Pier Antonio Salvador, president of the Association – by Italian fish farmers' sides since 1964, welcomes the initiative of Pordenone Fiere, which re-launches an event in Italy dedicated to our industry, at a time when the strategic importance of aquaculture, both economic and social, is recognized by the major global institutions. We are happy to support the launch and development of AquaFarm, hoping it becomes a benchmark for this sector and a meeting moment among operators, industry, research, distribution, institutions, and consumers - in short, all those who live by aquaculture and that aquaculture can make live better."

On the **algae** front, AquaFarm has gained the scientific collaboration of prof. Mario Tredici of the University of Florence, and also vice president of the European Algae Biomass Association, who, in sessions dedicated to algae culture, will also deal with some cutting-edge projects at a European level. The sessions will talk about food aesthetics, of the new frontiers in the use of algae in the field of energy, and of waste treatment. Particular attention will be paid to the integration of algae cultivation and sustainable aquaculture.

Finally, the sessions dedicated to **vertical farming** have been defined. This subject, without a doubt the newest of the event, is topical for the interest it arouses in view of the recovery and re-use of public and private housing stock awaiting destination.

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