



A month to AquaFarm: the program is very rich

Fifteen convention sessions for the two-day conference and expo scheduled for the next 26th and 27th January at Pordenone Fiere

Milano / Pordenone 19 December 2016. AquaFarm is about to start the final countdown: less than 35 days from the event that, even if in its first edition, is on the right track to becoming the reference point for **aquaculture, vertical farming and algae farming** in Italy.

The conference program, which reached the number of 15, is being completed with the latest confirmations of internationally renowned speakers. The mainstream dealing with sustainable aquaculture occupies both 26th and 27th January, while the first day is dedicated to vertical farms and the second to algae farming.

The aquaculture strand, **on 26th January**, deals with four points which are fundamental in the sector today:

- **sustainable aquaculture as a key component for the future of food.** The first institutional-introductory session sees the participation of central and local authorities, as well as speeches on sustainable aquaculture centrality, and ends with the first international keynote, dedicated to the genetic improvement of fish species farmed in Europe
- **the chain from producers to consumers, through the processors and distributors.** The session explores the possibilities of increasing fish consumption by the population, even from a psychological and sociological point of view, and ends with a panel among producers, givers and distributors
- **the reduction of the consumption of ocean resources in the feeding of farmed fish.** The major feed producers active in Italy, with the participation of their research and development managers, the Universities at the forefront of research and –those most interest – breeders talk of feed derived from sources such as farmed microalgae, insect-flour, plants or important resources to make aquaculture globally more sustainable.
- **the parameters to be observed in the breeding stages to ensure product quality.** The best practices to ensure fish health will be discussed, taking into account fish hatcheries, pest control, the prevention and treatment of diseases, the quality of the water environment, both in the farm and out, and, finally, the control system



During **27th January**, the aquaculture issue will continue with four more sessions and a debate on many issues:

- **the main areas of research and experimentation** on genetic improvement, the management of the intestinal flora of the fish to make the use of sustainable feeds and open sea breeding possible
- **the breeding of shellfish**. The sixth session is completely devoted to the segment with the greatest impact on the total of European aquaculture production
- **logistics and packaging**, in terms of sustainability and food safety. There will be a comparison on innovative techniques of preservation, such as superchilling that allows to carry fresh fish thousands of kilometers away, and storage for pre-packaging, such as cold pasteurization at high pressure; on the live fish transport and, finally, on the importance of logistics to spread the aquaculture markets
- **public and private resources to support the sector**. The final session is an international debate starring the main stakeholders to take stock of the prospects of the sector in the short and medium term, with a focus on the Mediterranean basin

The AquaFarm 2017 conference program is available, constantly updated, in the Program section of the event's website www.aquafarm.show. Registration for the free entry is available online.

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