**AquaFarm closes its doors confirming its numbers in terms of vsitors and exhibitors**

***Pordenone, 15 February 2024****.* The seventh edition of AquaFarm, the main international event in Italy dedicated to aquaculture and sustainable fishing taking place at Pordenone Exhibition Centre, closed its doors a few minutes ago. The 2024 edition saw several novelties, such as the extension to the two new exhibition halls, 5 BIS / TER, inaugurated last year, which were added to Hall 5, the event's historical venue. Furthermore, AquaFarm 2024 was totally focused on fish and shellfish farming as the topics of innovative plant crops, algae and mushrooms related to the event NovelFarm will take place independently this year and are scheduled for 20 and 21 March.

Despite these changes, the two-day event in Pordenone confirmed last year's numbers for the aquaculture and shellfish sectors, both in terms of visitors and exhibitors and conferences. Some of these were outstanding in terms of audience participation and interest: on the second day, the most attended event was the session dedicated to the blue crab and the studies and policies implemented to reduce the phenomenon, which in the past year caused a 60% decrease in the national production of clams, up to 100% in some areas. On the first day, apart from the opening session, the session on circularity and sustainability in feed production was well attended.

“AquaFarm reaches its seventh edition confirming its numbers in terms of visitors and exhibitors - remarks Renato Pujatti, President of Pordenone Fiere. There was a lot of expectation to figure out how the public would react after having changed a lot in the format of a very successful event, particularly by making independent the innovative sectors marked by a huge demand for knowledge. The result is satisfactory and gives us a boost to the next edition, which will take place on 12 and 13 February 2025”.

To conclude, we are delighted with the success of the idea of flanking the official conference program with a large number of workshops held by institutions, associations and companies, including the FAO project focused on the opportunities and challenges of the rainbow trout farming in the Mediterranean area.

**AquaFarm** is an international conference & trade show on aquaculture and sustainable fishing, organized by Pordenone Fiere in collaboration with **API - Italian Fish Farmers Association, AMA - Mediterranean Aquaculture Association** and **Studio Comelli – Conferences&Communication**, which takes care about the contents of the conferences and the press office. The event was born in 2017 and during the last edition it recorded a record growth of 62% compared to 2022 and of + 25% compared to the last pre-covid edition, including 130 exhibitors, 35% coming from abroad and almost 7,000 m2 of exhibition area. Admission is free of charge by registering online at [www.aquafarmexpo.it](http://www.aquafarmexpo.it)

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