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May & June are, traditionally, very busy months for European aquaculture, whether one is involved in farming, research, trade or representative work. Following on from the European Seafood Exposition in late April, which is a showcase for many of Europe's aquaculture companies, a long sequence of important conferences and meetings has just finished.

These have included

- [OECD Conference on Advancing the Aquaculture Agenda](#) (Paris, April 2010) which looked at a wide range of influences that affect aquaculture's development.
- [EurasiaBio 2010](#) - an EU-Russia conference on cooperation on biotechnology, agriculture, forestry, fisheries and food (Moscow, April 2010)
- [Conference of the European Technology Platforms](#) (Brussels, May 2010)
- [Euromares 2010](#) (Gijon, May 2010)
- [AquaVision 2010](#) (Stavanger, June 2010)
- [Offshore Mariculture 2010](#) (Dubrovnik, June 2010)

Presentations on EATIP activities and interests were made at most of these events.

Parallel to these conferences, consultation has continued between representative interests of European aquaculture and the European Commission on aquaculture's position within the [reviews of the Common Fisheries Policy](#) and the Common Organisation of the Market for fisheries and aquaculture products.

In addition, the [European Parliament's Report \(2009/2107\(INI\)\)](#) on the Commission's Communication on a new impetus for the Strategy for the Sustainable Development of European Aquaculture was overwhelmingly approved in plenary session. A full report on this subject is available in the report of the 4th EATIP Stakeholder Meeting, where Mr. Guido Milana MEP informed the EATIP Assembly of progress.

[4th Stakeholder and 2nd Assembly Meetings of the EATIP](#)

The [2nd Annual General Meeting and the 4th Stakeholders' Meeting](#) of the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATIP) were held in Brussels, at the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for the Science and the Arts (KVAB) on the 23rd June 2010. Guest speakers included Mr. Guido Milana MEP and Mr. Timothy Hall of DG Research. These are the subject of a separate EATIP newsletter

report and the presentations/meeting minutes are online at the EATIP Website.

The branding of EATIP has been redesigned, a new logo has been adopted and work has started on redesigning and

updating the EATIP website and presentations; it is hoped that this will be completed during the summer.

[Aquamax workshop](#)

'**Aquamax**' is an Integrated Project funded by the European Commission within the Sixth Framework Programme

This project included advanced research on fish nutrition, human nutrition, toxicology and the public perception of farmed fish. The work was done under 4 different programmes, involving scientists from both natural and social sciences backgrounds.

The final meeting of 'AQUAMAX' took place on the 29th June in Brussels where more than 70 people, representing top European Research Institutes, Universities, European Institutions, NGOs and the European aquaculture industry, participated.

One of the key challenges faced by fish farming is the supply of fishmeal from fisheries used for the production of fish feed; 30 years ago less than 10 percent of global fishmeal was used in aquafeeds whereas in 2007 over 60% of global fishmeal was employed.

'AQUAMAX' addressed this challenge by developing fish feeds with a maximum replacement of fish meal and fish oil by sustainable, alternative feed resources. These feeds were used to produce healthy and minimally contaminated fish that are highly nutritious, beneficial to human health and acceptable to consumers.

Follow [this link](#) for full details on the project, the workshop and the presentations.

[Vocational Aqualabs](#)

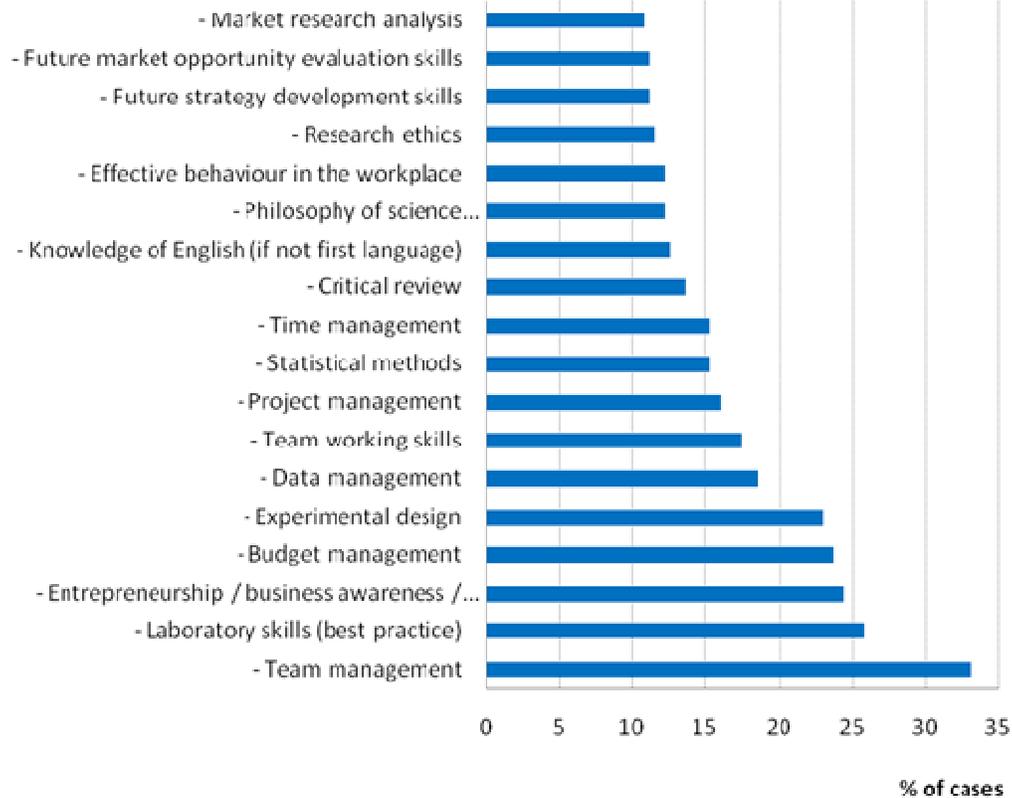
This is a new European project that aims to identify the key generic skills required by aquaculture researchers in different sectors. The project looks to obtain opinions from researchers and no-researchers alike. More information is available at www.aqualabs.eu.

A needs analysis has been made on this topic and the preliminary results give the following indications.

Top generic skills for a researcher to achieve a prominent career in academia - according to researchers



Top generic skills for a researcher to effectively move from academia to the private sector - according to researchers



If you are a non-researcher aquaculture stakeholder, Vocational Aqualabs would also like your opinion on priorities and you can give your views by completing the short online [5 minute survey](#). Your input will be used to see if there is any divergence in the views of researchers versus other stakeholders.

The survey results will influence what new training material and courses will be developed and achieved in the project so as to help researchers to respond better to end-user needs.

Please go to [this link](#) to access the survey

Upcoming events of interest

- [Global Aquaculture Conference](#) (Phuket, September 2010)
 - [Aquaculture Europe 2010](#) (Porto, October 2010), where many of the EATIP Thematic Areas will meet so as to progress their Strategic Research Agendas. Details on these meetings will be made available on the EATIP website in September
 - [Eurocean 2010](#) (Ostend, October 2010)
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