## Industry events

### Mid East's First Aquaculture Exhibition Launches As Industry Investment Surpasses US\$ 12 Billion

AquaME to provide platform for fresh wave of investment in to food security and production of fresh fish

AquaME, formally a vertical of the AgraME exhibition, will become the regions first standalone platform dedicated to the burgeoning aquaculture and fishing industry.

The show, which will take place March 16-18, 2015 at the Dubai Exhibition and Convention Centre, has been officially launched in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and Water and Nor-Fishing Foundation, and will feature a dedicated conference, the regions first aquaculture awards ceremony and a dedicated business to business buyer programme.

At the official signing of the partnership, His Excellency Abdelrahim Al Hammadi – Assistant Undersecretary of Support Services for the Ministry of Environment and Water said "We are very pleased with this partnership which is a move to

consolidate and encourage investment in the aquaculture sector. This falls in line with the UAE's strategic objectives to promote food security and environmental sustainability contributing to the UAE's Vision 2021."

According to the Ministry of Environment and Water, the

total current market valuation of investments in to the UAE aquaculture sector stands at US\$ 321 million, with 20 million of that amount being invested in to the Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Marine Research Centre. The project, which was launched in





February 2013, aims to enhance the country's natural resources, and contribute to food security through protecting overexploited species and supporting their habitat.

There are currently nine registered farms in the UAE, with five still under development, all of a different scale and integrated culture systems. The UAE aquaculture production in 2012 was 540 tons of wet fish, while total production capacity of these farms stands at 4903 tons per year.

"The decision to create the regions first exhibition dedicated to aquaculture was not a tough one. In a nutshell, it is the fastest growing food processing industry in the Middle East, and to put it in to perspective, a recent report by The World Bank projected aquaculture production in MENA is set to rise 75.9% by 2030, hitting a production size of approximately 1.9 million tons.

This incredible growth could simply not be ignored." said Richard Pavitt, Exhibition Director, AquaME.

Saudi Arabia and Oman round-up the total investment figure. The Saudi Arabian Ministry of Agriculture, who are leading the way in terms of investment, will inject an additional USD 10.6 billion into aquaculture projects to produce one million tons of fish in the next sixteen years. Oman, which has long been at the fore-

front of aquaculture in the Gulf region, announced that it plans to invest USD 1.3 billion in fisheries development leading up to 2020.

"Feedback from the industry was clear. We had a 64 percent increase in visitors to AgraME earlier this year, who attended to specifically source companies from the aquaculture and fishing industry. We have tried to create a holistic approach to this exhibition, integrating the regions first dedicated conference agenda on aquaculture, a buyer's program and an industry awards ceremony." added Pavitt.

For more information, visit www.agua-middleeast.com

# CALENDAR

**Upcoming Industry Events** 



2015

**FEBRUARY** 

Feb 19 - 22: Aquaculture America New Orleans, La., USA Details



MARCH
Mar 16-18: AquaME
Dubai, UAE

<u>Details</u>

Mar 25-27: Extrusion Course Ås, Norway <u>Details</u>

MAY

May 26 - 30: World Aquaculture 2015 Jeju Island, South Korea

Details

JUNE

Jun 9: Aquafeed Horizons Conference

Cologne, Germany

**Details** 

Jun 10: FIAAP International Conference

Cologne, Germany Details

Jun 9—11: FIAAP/VICTAM/GRAPAS Cologne, Germany

**Details** 

NOVEMBER

Nov 5-7: Expo Pesca/Acui Peru Lima, Peru

**Details** 

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#### Specialized Extrusion Course in Norway



Australian company Food-Stream, working with extrusion expert Dennis Forte, has been presenting extrusion and related training programs in Australia and the surrounding region, including Thailand, for almost 20 years. Feedback from participants has been excellent. One participant from the Philippines commented "The Extrusion Course is unique in that it is able to present the blend of the fundamental principles of extrusion technology with its practical applications. The speakers transcend the hurdles of mathematical and engineering concepts by using appropriate learning and citing their vast production experiences".

FoodStream has now teamed up with the Centre for Feed Technology (FôrTek), in Norway, to present a short course specifically directed at Aquafeed Extrusion Technology at FôrTek from 25 to 27 March 2015. Course organiser and co-presenter Gordon

#### Industry and leading edge researchers headline 2015 Aquafeed Horizons conference

Applied aquafeed scientists from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and NOFIMA, Norway, as well as SPAROS, Portugal, along with three of the world's foremost aquafeed extrsion engineering experts, Format International and the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF) are confirmed as presenters at Aquafeed.com's technical conference, Aquafeed Horizons 2015.

The program will focus on how extrusion effects the physical and nutritional quality of fish feeds, aquafeed processing considerations when using novel ingredients and future trends and possibilities in aquafeed production.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Aquafeed Horizons 2015 will take place along-side VICTAM/FIAAP/GRAPAS 2015, the world's largest feed and grain exhibitions, creating a must attend event for anyone concerned with staying abreast of feed production developments. 2015 is the 50th anniversary of Victam and visitors can expect a number of special events, adding even more value to the experience.

When & Where: Aquafeed Horizons 2015 will take place June 9, 2015, on the first day of the trade show at the Koelnmesse, Cologne, Germany.

**Registration:** Registration is required for a confirmed place. You are strongly advised to register early (Hurry—"Early -bird" discount is ending soon!) Special rates are available for students and groups.

Details and registration on the conference website: www.feedconferences.com.

The 2015 conference is sponsored by Andritz, Buhler and Wenger Manufacturing.

Young commented "We are looking forward to working with FôrTek. Accessing their excellent pilot plant facility for a demonstration is a major advantage."

The 3-day program covers the principles of extrusion, the design of extrusion processes, and the formulation of extruded aquafeeds. Topics cover the basics of extruders and their configuration, through what is happening chemically and physically inside the extrud-

er barrel, to an understanding of extruder dies and extruder instability. Examples in product formulation and the design of extrusion processes demonstrate application of the theory. Principles learned will be applied during the practical demonstration in the FôrTek pilot plant.

For more information, visit <a href="https://www.foodstream.com.au/">www.foodstream.com.au/</a> events.