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Stakeholders at ASC 2011: a short evaluation

By Henrik Sparholt and Helle Gjeding Jørgensen.

ICES people involved: Helle Gjeding Jørgensen, Michala Ovens, Marcin Rakowski (a young scientist from the host country) and Henrik Sparholt.

This was the first time ICES had invited a Stakeholder group to the ICES ASC. Previously groups of Young Fishermen had been invited. In Helsinki in 2007 there were seven young fishers, in Halifax in 2008 only one, in Berlin 2009 seven, and in Nantes last year seven fishers plus one ex-fisher spouse. In Gdańsk the group of Stakeholders consisted of seven participants plus one accompanying person.

In total nine were accepted beforehand, one cancelled and one did not show up (see Annex 1 for details). Those who did show up were from Canada (two plus one), two from Portugal, UK, France and Poland.

ICES covered up to 1100 Euros for hotel and travel costs, as well as sandwiches and soft drinks at the introductory meeting Monday 19 September. There was also a feedback meeting Friday 23 September.

A daily programme had been prepared for the group (Annex 2).

An excursion was arranged for Tuesday 20 September by Marcin Rakowski. The excursion started at the crack of dawn boarding the Captain Morgan, a fishing vessel from 1946. Two hours later in Hel we walked along the harbour to the Local Fishery Products First Sales Centre and watched a fishing boat mechanically unload their catch of sprat intended for fish feed. We saw flatfish being smoked outside a local fish restaurant and most of us sampled fresh cod for lunch! The group also visited the Hel Seal Centre where Krzysztof Skóra, the Centre's leader, showed us around. We travelled by bus to Jastarnia and saw the ultra modern harbour and marina there, in stark contrast to Hel Harbour which dates from 1882. Late afternoon found us being shown around the Polinord Processing Plant, a canning and freezing factory in Krokowa. All the stakeholders, one spouse, and two young scientists participated in the excursion. The excursion was very successful and we received very positive feedback. (See Annex 3 for more info).

Our impression is that the group integrated very well; fishers, students and stakeholders alike. The group's members as usual enthusiastically attended the theme sessions.

Several of the stakeholders but not all came to the feedback meeting on Friday. We received very positive feedback to the overall programme. The stakeholders were encouraged to e-mail about ten lines about what they found good and bad at the ASC and to come forward with suggestions to improve future participation (see Annex 3).

It was again a great advantage to have Helle participating in the ASC. Being in reception most of the time, it was easy to make contact with her when the stakeholders had questions and comments.

Overall it was a very positive experience this year.

Annex 1. Participants' list

Those marked in grey did not attend.

	NAME	FROM	DoB	MAIN TYPE OF EXPERIENCE WITH MARITIME/MARINE ISSUES	WHEN	EDUCATION	NOMINATED BY
1	Valter Duarte	Lisbon, Portugal	12/07/82	Works at ADAPI, has worked at IPIMAR. Was a NAFO fisheries observer	ADAPI pt IPIMAR NAFO 2007–2008	2006: degree Marine Biology & Biotechnology Diving certificate	António Miguel Portugal da Cunha (President of ADAPI)
2	Emmanuel Sandt-Duguay	Québec, Canada	29/01/82	Fisher and Marine Biologist MSc student	Merinov: Strategic Watch Coordinator- Fisheries and Aquaculture 2007–now	M.Sc. Marine Resource Management, UQAR B.Sc. in 2006	Patrice Efement, Merinov http://www.merinov.ca/
3	Gautham Balasubramanya	Lincolnshire, UK	12/01/83	MSc student. (wind and tidal energy). studying BSc of Engineering currently.	Poster at World Productivity Congress 2010 on Renewable Energy in the Humber	MSc Productivity & Innovation Development	Mike Dillon, President of IAFI http://www.iafi.net/
4	Antony Viera	Boulogne sur Mer, France	17/06/82	Research, MSP, fishing, etc.	CRPMEM: 2009–now Ifremer: 2006–2008	MSc Aquaculture and Fisheries Science 2005 MSc Agronomy 2004	Delphine Roncin, CRPMEM
5	João Paulo Quinzico Delgado	Nazaré, Portugal	20/12/77	Director of Mútua dos Pescadores; Technical Advisor to Nazaré Municipality	2002–present: Master of Avante 2000–2002: Fisher on Avante	2009: Visual arts degree	Mútua dos Pescadores C.R.L.

	MAIN TYPE OF EXPERIENCE WITH MARITIME/MARINE						
	NAME	FROM	DOB	ISSUES	WHEN	EDUCATION	NOMINATED BY
6	Josh Fricker Plus Lisa McKinnon (accom.)	Nova Scotia, Canada	22/07/80	Fisher Fieldwork with Canadian Sea Turtle Network since 2003 (tagging, DNA sampling, protection of eggs hatching)	1998–present: lobster, snow crab, groundfish, swordfish as apprentice 2005–present: captain (owner/operator) mackerel fishing enterprise	2003: Class IV fishing Masters (marine navigation)	David Gellis, DG of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada
7	Piotr Gruszka	Szczecin, Poland	17/08/62	Biological oceanographer- invasive species in the Baltic Sea Currently at SFI in Gdynia	Teaches general and marine ecology at West Pomeranian University 1989–2011.	MSc Oceanography 1987 PhD Earth Sciences 1998	Sally Clink, Ex. Secretary BSRAC
8	Victor Badiola No show	Ondarroa, Spain	25/12/54	SWWRAC President	20 years experience in FPOs	Licenciatura in Sea Sciences Economics courses	Benoît Guerin, SWWRAC Secretariat
9	Raido Vagiström Withdrawn due to fishing commitments	Harjumaa, Estonia	20/03/82	Fishing and marketing experience	Estonian Fishermen Association for two years	Highschool 2000	Harju Kalandusühing, MTÜ Evald Ojaveer, Estonian delegate



The Stakeholder group geared up to inspect the Polinord Processing Plant.

Annex 2. Detailed final programme for Stakeholders at the ASC 2011

Monday 19th

- 12:00 Lunch meeting with ICES representatives at the Hotel Gdańsk in the Adriatic Room, for a one hour briefing (light lunch provided)
- 13:00 Participation in the Opening Session of the Annual Science Conference 2011
- 14:30 Join the Theme Sessions; see relevant list in original invitation
- 19:00 Official Welcome reception

Tuesday 20th

- 7:30–08:00 Departure from Gdańsk Harbour
- 9:30–10:00 Arrival at Hel Harbour
 - Local Fishery Products First Sales Centre
 - Visit Hel Seal Centre
 - Lunch in Hel
- 11:00 Bus to Jastarnia Harbour
- 12:00–12:30 Bus to Krakowa
- 13:30–14:00 Polinord Processing Plant
- 15:00 Board fishing bus back to Gdańsk
- 17:00 Arrival back in Gdańsk



- 18:00–20:00 Poster session

Wednesday 21st

- 9:00–10:00 Plenary lecture
- 10:00–18:00 Join the Theme Sessions
- 18:30–20:30 ICES 2011 Presentation Competition in Pecha Kucha in the Jazz Hall in the Baltic Philharmonic



Thursday 22nd

09:00–18:00 Join the Theme Sessions



19:00 Conference dinner at Polish Maritime Museum

Friday 23rd

9:00 Join the Theme Sessions

13:00–14:00 Farewell, rounding off, evaluation and feedback (at the Hotel Gdańsk in the Adriatic Room)

14:00–15:00 Closing session

Annex 3. Evaluation feedback by Stakeholders

Here is some of the feedback we have had back from the Stakeholders.

Valter Duarte, ADAPI

Mr. Henrik Sparholt met with stakeholders at the Hotel Gdansk in the Adriatic Room on 23rd September and he told us to write a 5 lines paragraph with our feedback and evaluation from ICES 2011 and send it to you. Here you are:

Well, first I want to thank ICES for the invitation to our Portuguese association of industrial fishing-boat owners (ADAPI). As I said to Mr Henrik, it was a really pleasure to be there in Gdansk in the ICES meeting. Congratulations to all ICES staff for this huge and very well organised event. There were lots of interesting sessions for the stakeholders.

This was my first participation in the ICES meetings and, taking into account some conversations with scientific people, I realized that in the past this scientific event wasn't open to stakeholders and others persons out of the scientific field, i.e., was only opened to scientists. This is a very important mark where all parties stand to gain.

Increasingly we're more and more interested and involved with the scientists in order to make a link between a simple fisher and the scientist. We've the responsibility to pass and translate the scientific information towards the fishermen because these 3 pillars need to be strong enough to balance the world marine resorces (namelly, NE resources).

I didn't find any weaknesses at this great event, perhaps the fact that ocurred parallel sessions at the same time and we had to choose only one. But I think this problem was bigger to the scientists than stakeholders. I've to confess that I've some dificulties in the English language. I would understand a larger number of lectures if I had a translation but I'm improving my English on my own and at the Oxford School. It will be great if ICES provide translations in the future but I entirely understand that is a huge bill as much as the travel reimbursements.

Well that all Helle. Thanks one more time for the invitation and congratulations again to all ICES staff.

Best regards

Valter Duarte, ADAPI

and a subnote:

Dear Helle,

I forgot to say you one more important thing related with the ICES Conference. The ICES PEN Drive which was given is very very useful because in there we can read all of the parallel sessions which we couldn't attend. Thank you.

Thank you

Best regards

Valter

Gautham Balasubramanya, MSc Student at Lincolnshire University

I was very motivated by the speakers as this was my first scientific conference, I found best part was joining the study group of my area of interest, this will help me in exchanging the knowledge. I was able to network with the young scientists and also with the current PhD students which I aspire to one among them in coming ICES conferences.

The ICES is the right place where practical meets theory and for a research student like is a launching platform for analysing the right solutions. The trip to Hel was my first experience in the boat and also visiting the processing factory was first as well. I was discussing with secretary of ICES regarding India is not part of ICES, as an Indian, since I am a part of this scientific and innovative organization, I would want to do whatever it takes for India to part of ICES.

I am really thankful to you for giving me this opportunity as a stakeholder.

With Kind Regards,

Gautham

Piotr Gruszka, Lecturer at West Pomeranian University

I write to you to thank you (and ICES in that way) once again for enabling me to participate in Annual Science Conference this year. It was really a great pleasure to take part in such well organised event. Everybody could find something for themselves: not only scientists, but also managers and environmentalists. That is why I find it very important that you invite people that may not have regular contacts with the fisheries science to participate in the Stakeholder programme.

At the ASC this year, the participants could have had good review of not only pure scientific marine environmental or stocks management topics, but also of other, not strictly fishery related issues, where problems of different stakeholders, including policy makers or just fishermen were addressed.

Besides topic of habitat mapping, I could find it very interesting to listen to talks given during the Theme Session "Integration of multidisciplinary knowledge in the Baltic Sea to support science-based management" where we could learn about not only economic or environmental, but also some social aspects of the exploitation of the sea (mainly fisheries, including examples of conflicts between nature protection and fisheries).

I attach a couple of photos I made during our excursion to Hel and further to a fish processing (canning) plant. I enjoyed it indeed - as (I am pretty sure) everybody who participated.

Best regards,

Piotr Gruszka