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In attendance: Hein Sas, Henning von Nordheim, Tristan Hugh-Jones, Jo Preston, Cass Bromley, Pierre Boudry, Bernadette Pogoda, Philine zu Ermgassen

Apologies: Bill Sanderson, Boze Hancock, Alison Debney, Kruno Bonacic

- 1) Status report on NORA 3 planning (Hein Sas)
Hein was pleased to be able to report that NORA 3 has secured the support of the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. The Ministry have agreed to fund the venue for NORA 3, most likely will take place in Zeeland, with the proposed date in early/mid November 2020. With this commitment and the commitment of the NORA secretariat (already included in the NORA budget), organizing NORA3 in The Netherlands is definitely feasible. Hein, together with Karel van den Wijngaard and the Secretariat, will proceed with the preparation.
- 2) Review of proposed NORA 3 structure and logistics (Hein Sas and Philine zu Ermgassen)
The Advisory Board approved the proposed structure of the conference as outlined in Appendix 1. The proposed Organizing Committee include: Hein Sas and Karel van den Wijngaard as members of the local organizing committee, and Philine zu Ermgassen, Boze Hancock, and Katrin Wollny-Goerke as members of the NORA Secretariat.
The following recommendations were noted:
 - a) The need was identified to exclusively highlighting the sub-themes of financing, and oyster production sector partnership and involvement. These can be included in the existing themes “production” and “restoration management” but should be explicitly stated in the introduction to each session. Involving the producing sector also requires dedicated communication with this sector. Philine and Tristan Hugh-Jones will explore the possibility of cooperation with AquaCulture Europe, also considering its 2020 conference (see item 6b).

- b) It was noted that the PhD session should be widely advertised, not only to PhD students, just for information. Efforts should be made to ensure that relevant PhD results are not only communicated in the PhD session.
 - c) It should be avoided to have the poster session overlap with the Working Group meetings. The schedule will be revised in light of this.
 - d) NORA 3 should consider inviting key note speakers from overseas, representing experience from restoration of other *Ostrea* species. A budget is not yet identified for this, but the Organising committee are open to proposed speakers so that this option can be explored.
 - e) It was recommended that the final deadline for attendance registration be earlier than 15 October, for logistical reasons.
 - f) A topic theme which encompasses forward motion/progress was proposed. Wording to be confirmed.
 - g) It was proposed that a fee could be requested to contribute towards the cost of an excursion at the end of the conference.
 - h) It was agreed that the Advisory Board is to recommend Session Chairs for the six established sessions. The Organising Committee will then invited identified Session Chairs.
 - i) The Session Chairs will encourage submission to and review all abstracts for their sessions. Organising Committee will, with the recommendations of the Advisory Board in mind, review all submitted Abstracts. Final abstract selection will be made jointly by the Session Chairs and the Organizing Committee to ensure that the conference as a whole is balanced.
- 3) NORA webpage. The Advisory Board agreed to include the Advisory Board on the website. (Philine zu Ermgassen)
The Secretariat will follow up by e-mail to request a brief bio sketch and a photograph.
- 4) Update on “NORA top questions” (Philine zu Ermgassen)
- a. NORA project to identify top questions which if answered will overcome barriers in policy or practice to further oyster restoration in Europe is progressing well. The resulting manuscript will be submitted at the end of November 2019 for publication in the special issue from NORA 2
 - b. NORA is, in collaboration with the UK-Ireland Native Oyster Network, running a workshop to develop a monitoring protocol for oyster restoration in Europe. This will take place in Portsmouth in December.
 - c. NORA is, in collaboration with the UK-Ireland Native Oyster Network, running a workshop to develop Biosecurity Recommendations for oyster restoration in Europe. This is being hosted at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh in January. Expressions of interest to participate close on November 25th 2019.
- 5) NORA 2 Mission Statement and summary paper for publication in “Aquatic Conservation” (Bernadette Pogoda)



NORA Advisory Board Meeting, 21st November 2019

The NORA Advisory Board have agreed to contribute to a position paper, led by Bernadette Pogoda, for submission to the special issue of Aquatic Conservation from the NORA 2 conference. Advisory Board members wishing to abstain will contact Bernadette to make this explicit.

It should be noted that a NORA Mission Statement is within the publication, which the Advisory Board are requested to amend and/or approve. This mission statement will be used in communications and outreach by NORA moving forward.

NB: You will find the current draft of the Mission Statement at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kV1Ur-ic5nqXkht1X0e0-JTercYuiymQv9YDJAtDlj0/edit?usp=sharing>

6) AOB

- a) It was announced that there is a suspected incidence of *Bonamia* in a previously uninfected area in Scotland.
- b) It was discussed that the NORA Secretariat will seek to identify opportunities to arrange a Production Working Group meeting at the Aquaculture 2020 meeting in Cork in September 2020. The Secretariat will work with Tristan Hugh-Jones and his contacts to explore options.