

EAFP 13th Meeting of the French Branch

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The 13th French EAFP branch meeting was held in Plouzané, a city very close to Brest in Brittany (<https://eafp.org/13th-meeting-of-the-french-eafp-branch/>). The Unit “ Viral Diseases of Fish” (PVP) of the Ploufragan-Plouzané laboratory of Anses hosted 45 fish pathologists on 13th October 2016. After an introductory welcome addressed by the Branch Officer for France, Jean-François Bernardet, and the Director of Animal Health and Welfare at Anses, Gilles Salvat, the head of the PVP unit, Thierry Morin, and his colleagues Sandrine Baron and Sophie Le Bouquin had prepared a program of 11 communications (e.g., viral and bacterial diseases, resistance to antibiotics, models of infection, impact of pollutants, genetic selection, etc.), presented by EAFP members and non-members. Three keynote speakers were invited, each with interesting talks. Olga Haenen (the Netherlands EAFP Branch Officer and head of the National Reference Laboratory for Fish, Shellfish and Crustacean Diseases, Central veterinary Institute, Wageningen) presented an overview of 30 years of fish disease diagnosis and research in her department; Isabelle Guerry from the Bureau of Animal Health at the French General Food Directory introduced the “Fish Health Plan 2020” and the actions planned for eradication of VHS and IHN in France; and Pierrick Haffray from the Sysaaf (Union of French Poultry and Aquaculture Breeders) summarised the latest advances on the selection of fish on disease resistance. The meeting was very successful, encouraging EAFP non-members participants to join the Association. In addition, a tour of experimental facilities of PVP and a meeting with the aquaculture veterinarians and laboratories engaged on the establishment of an antimicrobial resistance monitoring network were organised. The organisers sincerely thank the Direction of the Ifremer site of Plouzané for providing them with premises and adapted equipment.

The EAFP would like to congratulate the committee for organising and hosting such a successful meeting!

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Participants at the 13th EAFP French branch meeting. Photo by Thierry Morin