

EAFP workshop report: Myxozoa

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The Myxozoan Workshop was held in Belfast (Northern Ireland, UK) in September, within the EAFP 18th International Conference on Diseases of Fish and Shellfish, September, 2017.

This working group first convened at the 2003 EAFP meeting in Malta, with the purpose of connecting researchers who study the intriguing Myxozoa – a widespread group of parasitic Cnidaria. Over its history, the Myxozoan group has held ten, day-long sessions in conjunction with the EAFP Conference, the International Symposium of Aquatic Animal Health (ISAAH), and the International Symposium of Fish Parasitology (ISFP).

This year we had two dedicated sessions, chaired by Oswaldo Palenzuela, Stephen Atkinson, Jerri Bartholomew and Ariadna Sitjá-Bobadilla, with 12 oral presentations and many posters. We also had time to discuss and comment on future activities of the Myxozoan Network, and also to enjoy Irish beers!

The next Myxozoan session will be held in conjunction with the 2018 ISAAH, to be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island (Canada), on September 2-6.



Figure 1. Myxozoa workshop (Photo: Bartolomeo Gorgoglione)