EAFP workshop report: ParaFishControl

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ParaFishControl Aquaculture Industry Forum

Industry and Academia Exchange Vital Knowledge on Fighting Parasitic Diseases

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The first ParaFishControl Industry Forum took place on Tuesday 5 September in Belfast, Northern Ireland as part of the 18th International Conference on Diseases of Fish and Shellfish. The ParaFishControl Industry Forum aimed to explore how the European aquaculture sector could benefit from the latest research in the area. The event facilitated effective knowledge exchange on the latest developments in fighting parasitic disease affecting aquaculture, between academia, industrial companies and fish farmer associations.

ParaFishControl (Advanced tools and research strategies for parasite control in European farmed fish) is a European Union-funded project under the Horizon 2020 programme coordinated by Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC), Spain. The overarching goal of the project is to increase the sustainability and competitiveness of the European aquaculture industry. The 29 partner-strong consortium from 13 countries will achieve this by improving our understanding of fish-parasite interactions and by developing innovative solutions and tools for the prevention, control and mitigation of the most harmful parasitic species affecting the main European farmed species.

ParaFishControl partner Dr. Panos Christofilogiannis from AQUARK explained, "We are excited to discuss ways to improve parasitic disease management and to quantify its economic impact to the sector. This serves as the first step to mobilise all stakeholders in a sector-wide effort to combat and manage fish parasitic diseases with novel approaches and solutions. We are confident that the ParaFishControl project knowledge outputs will

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