

Annual Meeting
of the National Reference Laboratories
for Mollusc Diseases – 2012

IFREMER, Nantes, 14th - 15th March 2012

Wednesday 14th March

9.00 – 9.30 *Registration for the annual meeting*
Welcome address and announcements
S. Cabot (European Commission)
I. Arzul (EU Reference Laboratory for Mollusc Diseases)

AM SESSION I: DIAGNOSIS AND SURVEY OF MOLLUSC DISEASES

Secretary

9.30-13.00	Representatives from each Member State present the disease situation in their respective country in 2011, emphasising mollusc diseases listed in the EU Directive 2006/088, and/or the diagnosis of pathogens of special interest
11.00 -11.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>

AM SESSION II: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DIRECTIVE 2006/88/EC

Secretary

12.30 -13.00	An updated version of the present EU legislation	S. Cabot
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14.00 -14.30	What about the next Animal Health Law ?	S. Cabot

AM SESSION III: CRASSOSTREA GIGAS MORTALITY OUTBREAKS

Secretary

14.30 – 15.10	Situation of Australia regarding OsHV-1	M. Crane
15.10 – 15.30	Situation in UK and Ireland	M. Gubbins & D. Cheslett
15.30 - 16.00	New insights concerning infection with OsHV-1	T. Renault
16.00 – 16.20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.20 -16.40	<i>Vibriosis</i> affecting the oyster, <i>C. gigas</i> , in France: diversity of the pathogens and diagnostic tools	A. Travers
16.40 – 17.00	Sensitivity of mortality reporting by the French oyster farmers	C. Lupo
17.00 – 17.30	Discussion	
20.00	<i>Banquet</i>	

Thursday 15th March

AM SESSION IV: HOW SHOULD WE USE REAL TIME PCR?

Secretary

8.30 – 9.10	Selection of a cutoff value for Real Time Polymerase chain reaction results to fit a diagnostic purpose	<i>C. Caraguel</i>
9.10 – 9.40	From histology to PCR: a test case for routine screening of <i>Bonamia ostreae</i> and <i>Marteilia refringens</i> by real time PCR.	<i>M. Engelsma</i>
9.40 -10.00	A new specific Real Time PCR for detection of OsHV-1 μ var	<i>J.-F. Pépin</i>
10.00- 10.20	Results of the last Inter Laboratory Comparison organised by the EURL for the detection of OsHV-1	<i>I. Arzul</i>
10.20-10.40	Discussion about Real Time PCR	
10.40 – 11.00	Coffee break	

AM SESSION V: INFECTIONS WITH TWO PATHOGENS AFFECTING MOLLUSCS IN AUSTRALIA

Secretary

11.00 – 11.45	Infection with abalone herpes-like virus	<i>M. Crane</i>
11.45- 12.30	Infection with <i>Marteilia sydneyi</i>	<i>T. Green</i>

AM SESSION VI: RISK BASED SURVEILLANCE APPROACH

Secretary

12.30 – 13.00	Special challenges regarding surveillance in molluscs	<i>E. Peeler</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 14.40	Round table on risk factors	<i>E. Peeler</i>

AM SESSION VII: INFORMATION ON OTHER PATHOGENS

Secretary

14.40 – 15.10	Distribution and variability of <i>Bonamia exitiosa</i> in flat oyster <i>Ostrea edulis</i> populations in Europe	<i>I. Arzul</i>
15.10 – 15.40	Detection and characterization of a <i>Marteilia</i> parasite in the cockle <i>Cerastoderma edule</i> in Spain	<i>N. Carrasco</i>
15.40 – 16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00 – 16.20	Detection of <i>Mikrocytos</i> like protozoans during mortality events of the shellfish <i>Donax trunculus</i> in France	<i>C. Garcia</i>

AM SESSION VIII: EURL DAY LIFE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED PROJECTS

Secretary

16.20 – 16.40	Comparison of diagnostic techniques	<i>I. Arzul</i>
16.40 – 17.00	Working prospects of the EU Reference Laboratory for mollusc diseases and concluding remarks	<i>I. Arzul</i>

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