

# Review Larvi 2013

On behalf of the academic sector



*„Any aquaculture business starts with reliable sources for fry...“*

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# The general Format

- Limited oral presentations;
- No parallel sessions necessary;
- No presentation „hopping“ ;
- Foster good conference spirit;



# The Weather

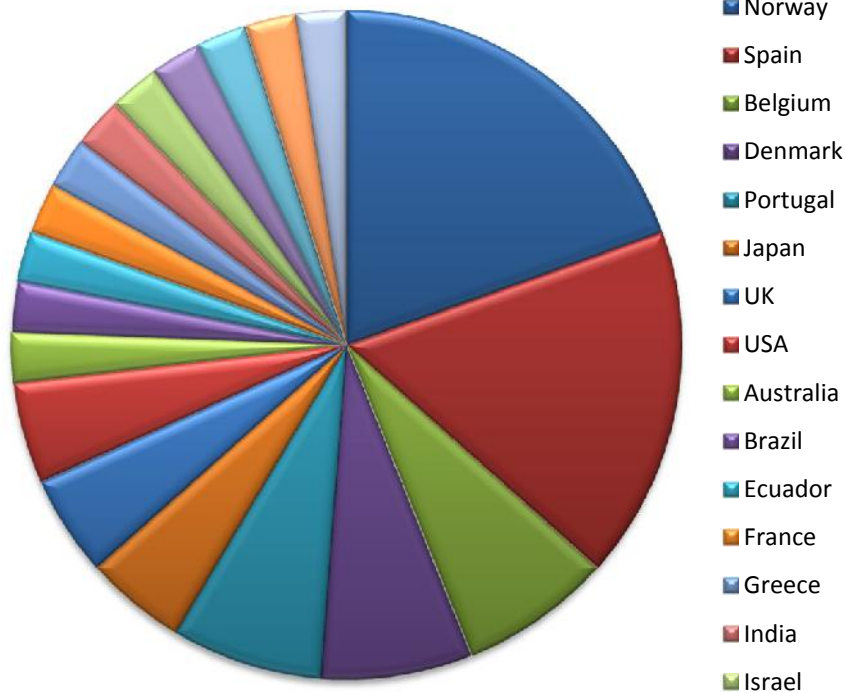
- Warm and sunny, at least (to my best memory) the last 3 larvi events
- Perfect to explore Ghent
- Good for pub owners...

(ask the organizers how to realize such conditions...)

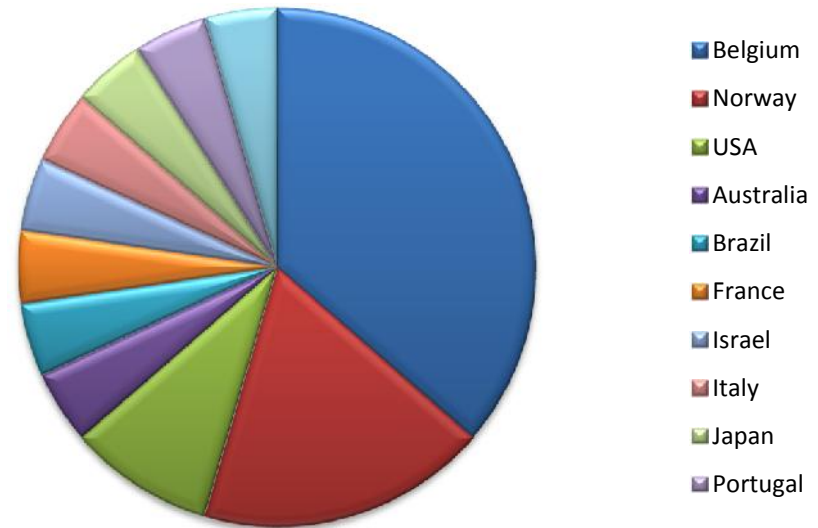


# Distribution of Countries I Oral Presentations

Origin oral presentations



Scientific Ct.



Apparently still „Developing Countries“ in Europe....  
some countries missing (posters not considered). Is standard an issue?

# Distribution of Countries II



## Oral Presentations

### Suggestions for next Larvi

- 50+ countries participating – 19 represented in oral presentations, more equal distribution across countries would be appreciated;
- Create momentum for joint research projects across nations: invite senior scientists, well established in the larval research sector of their country to provide a country presentation about larval research topics;

# Selection of presentations I

## Presentation at different events

Because of the very limited space for oral presentations, repetitive presentation in the same year (e.g. EAS, WAS and Larvi) should be avoided.

Suggestion:

Applicants for oral presentation should indicate if they intend to present at one of the other big conferences in the same year.

# Selection of presentations II

## Academic Aspects - Practical Aspects



- Almost balanced, about 60% with mainly academic aspects, 40% with practical aspects (with direct implications for production)
- Quality of presentations good, broad range of topics (some presentations a bit too „complex“...)
- In many presentations STSM grantees represented
- Research topics which were raised 4 years ago are still high on the agenda...

# Discussions



Discussions are that extra something in such a conference.....

- However, room was too few (mostly because presenter used the 20 min. slot...);
- Suggestion: restrict to 15 min. presentation, 5 min. for discussion...



# Opinions senior scientists



- Fundamental research presented was of a high quality, BUT missing links to practical implementation/application, especially true for genetics;
- For those studies which have a high potential for process understanding – what are the consequences in practice?
- Scientific level of the communications is very good and covers all larval fields;
- I like the fact that there are no parallel sessions and a good selection of posters;
- The organization is fantastic and everything runs very smoothly.
- All communications were on time so congratulations to all chairmen; however, some authors took a long time to present so there was no time for questions and there should be focussed on more room for discussions.
- I also appreciated the effort of the poster reviewers for the excellent job in summarizing major achievements of the posters.

# Opinions young scientists I



- It is encouraging that young researchers are preferred for presentations;
- The use of the poster sessions should be extended at the expense of poster reports;
- Presenters should be highly encouraged to improve their presentation skills.  
The best science is useless if it is not presented properly;
- In general we are really happy to have this opportunity to get together with scientists, experts, Phd's, from all over the world;
- And to discover that someone else is actually doing a similiar research like the own ones; it was good to be updated what is going on in this area and can lead to joint projects;
- Would be nice to have a "Poster Session" where the authors are standing next to their posters, then we would have the chance to raise questions;
- Would be nice to add a small picture next to the participant list which will allow people to find each other easier;

# Opinions young scientists II



- The size of the conference was good, so everyone had the chance to meet and talk to a lot of people;
- For us, as young researchers, it is a great chance to meet other scientists who we have only known as authors from articles before;
- The city of Ghent, the central location of the conference venue and the size of the participating group made up a perfect framework for this conference;

# Hand-over to the review on behalf of the producing sector

Phil Bodington will continue...

# Larvi 2013: Industrial Perspective

Unique event bringing together researchers (both fundamental and practical) with actual end users.

Enthusiasm of participants and the fact that we still have that despite over 20 years of work just reinforces **How much we still don't know!**

Potential technical improvements still to be made

Business opportunities with new species or products

# Larvi 2013: Industrial Perspective

CONTEXT: Farming Industry or vision of a future Industry

REASON FOR ATTENDANCE: Technology Development that we can apply

Scope of the work covered by research groups and it is impressive to see the array of tools being applied

Standardization of models (Zebra fish, Gnotobiotic artemia)

Growing distance between the work of researchers focusing on **fundamental questions** using **specialist techniques** and end users looking for **solutions**.

Better focus on the results and their potentially meaning rather than the actual research techniques.

# Larvi 2013: Industrial Perspective

Exchange of ideas between researchers and between producers and researchers.

Effectiveness of Presentations:

Too large scope and excessive inclusion of information.

Too general.

Repeated work

Effectiveness of Posters:

Low level of engagement of poster authors

- Participation in the review sessions or
- Attendance at their posters to answer questions.

Poster teasers more effective than poster reviews.

# Larvi 2013: Industrial Perspective

Unique opportunity bringing together the key players in Research and Larviculture.

**Big Thanks to the organisers**