

GOFORIT Annual Meeting

1-2 March 2017

National Institute for Marine Research and Development "GRIGORE ANTIPA", Constanta, Romania

Wednesday, March 1, 2017:

9:00 Introduction, welcome and logistics, confirmation of agenda, rapporteur selection - **Gheorghe, Brian**

All participants introduced themselves.

Welcome speech by dr. Simion Nicolaev, General Director of NIMRD

9:15 Dissemination activities and external contact - who and how have we told about our work? **Brian**

-publications, conferences, working groups, stakeholders (report Section 6 summary).
What has been done and what more can we expect?

-to COFASP office and EU (Brian's presentations: COFASP Final Dissemination Workshop, Kiel, Germany, Dec. 7, 2016, and COFASP Policy Day to EU, Brussels, Jan. 10, 2017).

-new associated partner to the project (Institute of Fisheries and Marine Ecology (IFME) of The State Agency of Fisheries of Ukraine, Berdyansk, Ukraine). Introductory presentation and discussion on Thursday.

- Magda: presentation on dissemination activities. It was agreed to send all materials presented to Sigrun Jonasdottir to be uploaded on the Goforit official website

9:45 Project reporting and milestone status. Reporting requirements to COFASP office. Upcoming deliverables and reports. Budget status. Final project reporting. **Brian**

D2 - New and/or updated relationships of recruitment. Growth, condition, migration and ecosystem variables for each stock – agreed to produce by the end of March.

Final report – include what we have learned from all CS, to prove the added value of the project.

Synthesis paper – to be submitted to a peer-review journal before the Final Report

- How much improvement was made in each CS
- How was improvement achieved?
- Improved statistical model, new forecasts of ocean conditions etc.

- What variables were responsible for the improved forecast skill?
- What was actually forecasted – recruitment, condition, migration timing, fishery yields?
- What were the main challenges to improving the forecast skill or leadtime?
- How were these overcome by GOFORIT analyses?

Budget discussions

10:15 Case study presentations and discussions:

-Black Sea sprat (NIMRD) and summary of NIMRD activities (science, dissemination, mobility, plans for 2nd period) - **Gheorghe, George, Aurelia, Elena, Magda**

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Case study presentations and discussions:

-Black Sea sprat (continued)

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Case study presentations and discussions:

-Black Sea anchovy (CFRI and METU-IMS) and summary of CFRI and METU-IMS activities (science, dissemination, mobility, plans for 2nd period) (**Murat, Baris**)

15:00 Coffee break

15:20 Case study presentations and discussions:

-Icelandic capelin and summary of Icelandic Marine and Freshwater Research Institute activities (science, dissemination, mobility, plans for 2nd period) (**Olafur, Astthor**)

17:30 Meeting ends for the day

Thursday, March 2, 2017:

9:00 Brief summary from last day (**Brian**)

Presentation of the main activities of NIMRD by dr. Simion Nicolaev, General Director

9:15 Case study presentations and discussions:

-North Sea sandeel and summary of DTU Aqua activities (science, dissemination, mobility, plans for 2nd period) (**Mikael, Sigrun**)

Discussions with Sigrun

10:40 Coffee

11:00 Skype presentation by **Dr. Kostiantyn Demianenko**, Deputy Director of Science, Institute of Fisheries and Marine Ecology (IFME) of The State Agency of Fisheries of Ukraine, Berdyansk, Ukraine

-scientific presentation, discussion ref. possibilities for collaboration

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Presentation of related work in other projects – forecasting eel recruitment in north Atlantic
(Brian)

Brian on probabilistic forecasts

Synthesis Paper

Deliverable 2

13:30 Work time for analyses and discussion

14:40 Coffee

15:00 Workshops, visits/ exchanges among partners; next annual meeting

-past visits/exchanges in past year - who has gone where and why?

-discussion of new workshop topics; potential dates and locations; who goes where?

-interaction and collaboration topics with IFME-Ukraine

-next (final) annual meeting - where, when?

-future projects, collaborations and plans?

15:40 Work time for analyses and discussion

16:30 Presentation of results and feedback

17:00 Any other business; wrap-up meeting and end

19:00 Group dinner (arranged by NIMRD)



