

Dear all NAEMO friends

I realise we have been quite quiet for some time, so we (I, Julie and Alessandro) decided it was time to provide an update about the progress in NAEMO.

First of all I want to highlight a conference, the 6th international shellfish conference, to be held at Deltapark Neeltje Jans, SW Netherlands, on January 16 and 17, 2020. See the attached program for more information and www.schelpdierconferentie.com

We are still working on compiling the notes from the workshop but hope to be able to provide some more details regarding this in the end of January. We have also compiled all presentations from the workshop, and are looking into the possibilities of creating a webpage as a forum for dissemination of the information from the workshop. If you need the presentations a.s.a.p, please let me know and I will send them to you or share a dropbox. We have also compiled a participant list from the workshop and plan to make that available on the coming webpage as well. Again, if any of you need access to that list now, please let me know.

During the workshop we decided to start working on compiling data from monitoring to see if we could find any general trends in population development over time. I have received input or data from:

Nicolas Chopin, Ireland

Stephanie Pavoine, France

Harry Murray, Canada

Henrice Jansen, the Netherlands

If I have missed anyone that has sent me information (there is anarchy in my mailbox so this is not unlikely), or if you have information to share, please let me know. The ambition is to start working on this in January.

We have also produced a short text describing the major outcomes from the workshop that we submitted to the Grower for publication (thank you Janet). Sandra also offered to publish this in the spring number of the NSA newsletter, and we have contacted the EAS to see if we can get the summary published in their newsletter as well. I attach the text for your information.

We have started to look into different funding options or other ways to formalize the network, more information about this will come in January.

We also have two tasks for you:

1. Currently the steering committee of NAEMO is formed by me, Julie and Alessandro and there is no working group for the network. At the workshop we asked for volunteers to join the working group to aid the steering committee in the work with NAEMO. Please send me an e-mail if you wish to join the working group. We will also be working to expand the steering committee with a few people, so please nominate candidates for this position (you can nominate yourself). The working group is open to everybody but the current steering committee will select members for the committee. At a later point when the network is more formalized this may change.
2. We/NAEMO need a logo. Please send us suggestions on how we should illustrate NAEMO :)

And finally...Merry Christmas!

Åsa, Julie and Alessandro

