morning we are going to have a open discussion on the recommendations made during the 2nd workshop in Valencia regarding the development of protocols, guidelines and harmonized procedures of scientific research carried out on fish gametes (including publication of data) as well as the practical aspects of more efficient representation of this scientific community on state and EU levels. Following the discussion, we plan to have a practical session at the laboratories of the Department of Aquaculture.

In the evening a closing party will be held at the Lázár Equestrian Park in Domonyvölgy, a picturesque village situated in the hills surrounding Gödöllő where you will have the opportunity to taste Hungarian cuisine and wines.

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3rd International Workshop on the Biology of Fish Gametes

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Introduction

Following the very successful meetings in Vodňany, Czech Republic in 2007 and Valencia, Spain in 2009, we are pleased to announce that the 3rd International Workshop on the Biology of Fish Gametes will be held in Budapest, Hungary on September 7–9, 2011.

Organization of the meeting will be shared between the Department of Aquaculture of Szent István University in Gödöllő, Hungary (responsible for the scientific content) and Diamond Congress Ltd. which will act as an organizing secretariat.

The meeting will be preceded by a welcome party on September 6th while the scientific program will begin on Wednesday, September 7th and end on Friday, September 9th. We plan to have a dinner on Friday evening allowing you to spend the weekend in Budapest.

Scientific program

The workshop will accommodate topics related to the biology of fish gametes such as spermatogenesis and oogenesis, sperm and egg metabolism and quality as well as cryopreservation of gametes or embryos. As was recommended in the closing session of the 2nd workshop presentations on the gamete biology of other aquatic organisms will also be encouraged.

The scientific committee will select the materials eligible for oral presentation from the abstracts submitted to the conference organizers. A special attention will be paid to poster sessions allowing authors who submitted their abstracts to present and discuss their results. Participation of young scientists, MSc and PhD students is especially encouraged. Similarly to the previous events the Department of Aquaculture plans to present the authors of the best student presentations (both oral and poster) with special awards.

Manuscripts of the materials submitted for oral and poster presentation at the workshop will go through a peer-review process and will be considered for publication in the *Journal of Applied Ichthyology*. Authors are requested to prepare their manuscripts according to journal standards: http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal. asp?ref=0175-8659.

Please bring two hard copies of the manuscript with you to the registration desk of the meeting accompanied by a CD containing the digital version of the manuscript including figures and tables.

Venue

The venue of the workshop will be the Danubius Hotel Helia which is situated on the Danube river bank within 15 minutes walk from the Parliament Building in Budapest and the main business and historic center of the Hungarian capital. Rooms will be offered in the hotel

to workshop participants at a special rate. For more information please visit the hotel's website: www.danubiushotels.com/helia.

On Friday, September 9th, we plan to take a trip to Gödöllő, the home town of Szent István University where the practical workshop is going to take place. In the