



The Academy of Europe
Bergen Knowledge Hub

FOOD FROM THE OCEANS (FFO) – A public Bergen Town Meeting

18th June 2017 – The UNESCO Sustainable Gastronomy Day

Location: Nøstetorget (marketplace)/Nøsteboden (historic boathouse)

BERGEN honours and highlights its status as UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy by hosting a public event for concerned seafood enthusiasts – a Town Meeting - addressing the important question:

Q: How can more food and biomass be obtained from the oceans in a way, that does not deprive future generations of their benefits?

ACADEMIA: The event is a joint venture with academies, in particular Academia Europaea (AE)'s knowledge hubs in Bergen and Cardiff, the City of Bergen and SAPEA. A subsequent town meeting will take place in Cardiff 14-16 July.

SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies), is part of the [European Scientific Advice Mechanism](#) (SAM) which provides independent, interdisciplinary and evidence-based scientific advice on policy issues to the European Commission

SAM received the question Q and request for a FFO project from the EU commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, the first SAM topic to be coordinated by SAPEA, and the organisational lead is Academia Europaea (AE).

Working groups (WG1&2) including Norwegian members from UoB and NTNU have already started their work. Some will be present at the Town Meeting.

The Town Meeting includes; (i) sea food landing – fishing boats will come in for the occasion with the catch of the day and of bycatch and seaweed – with tasting and marketplace activities on Nøstetorget; (ii) two Public Seminars in Nøsteboden, one with short talks (mostly in Norwegian) on hot issues and exotic harvest, followed by a public evening AE Bergen Hub seminar CONSENSUS (in English), addressing harvesting the ocean and question Q. Members of the FFO WG1&2 take part in a discussion of pros and cons. On Nøstetorget the visitor will meet representatives for SAPEA, AE hubs, Bergen UNESCO City of Gastronomy, Slow Food Bergen, Sandsli catering school, the Algae producer network, Solund Mat, Havsalaten Kjøkken & Bar (Værlandet), Tekslo Seafood (Sotra), Austevoll Seaweed Farm, Naustet (Smøla), and 3 coastal fishing boats with fresh catch of the day and learn about more widely use of bycatch fish and algae products.

The focus is on future possibilities within a sustainability framework.

Timing:

12.00-16.30 Marketplace activities

13.00 Official opening at Nøstetorget. Councillor Julie Andersland, City of Bergen, Rector Dag Rune Olsen UoB, Cardiff Hub Manager Louise Edwards, SAPEA Media Contact Laura Norton, and Academic Director Jan S. Vaagen Bergen Hub.

14.00-16.30 Public general seminar in Nøsteboden (Norwegian)

16.30-17.30 Fish soup dinner served at Nøsteboden (kr. 295)

17.30-19.00 CONSENSUS scientific seminar (English)

Fish soup, coffee and snacks available in Nøsteboden throughout the day.

Programs for the two seminars appended



PUBLIC TOWN MEETING SEMINAR 18 June 2017

Theme: Harvesting the Oceans – facts and fiction (Language: Norwegian)

Site: Nøsteboden Bergen

Time: 14.00 – 16.30

Chair/Opening Remarks: Jan S. Vaagen, AE Academic Director Bergen Hub

Moderator: Director Economic Development Mette Nora Sætre, Hordaland County Council.

Guests from the Cardiff Hub: Cardiff – Bergen FFO collaboration (Louise Edwards)

Short Invited talks (10 -15 min), followed by questions from the audience:

Ian Kinsey (Sotra and Wales): A practitioner's testimony (En fiskers vitnesbyrd).

Røgnvaldur Hannesson (NHH): Sea-Harvest and Gastronomy in Iceland, past and present. (Høsting fra havet i/fra Island, før og nå).

Inger Elisabeth Måren (Unesco/UoB): From 1:9 Billion. Feeding the world sustainably, is it feasible? (Fra 1:9 milliarder. Er det mulig å skaffe Verden mat på en bærekraftig måte?).

Arne Duinker (Nifes): New taste bits from the Ocean – Seaweed and algae. (Nye smaker fra havet: Tang, tare og andre alger).

Otte Bjelland (Imr): About by-Catch and by-Catch Products (Om bifangst og bruk av bifangst produkter).

Thor Øyvind Jensen (UoB): Consumer attitudes to seaweed and by-Catch products (Forbrukernes holdninger til tang/tare og bifangst produkter).

PUBLIC SCIENTIFIC TOWN SEMINAR CONSENSUS 2017 (AE Hub Bergen)

Site: Nøsteboden Bergen

Time: 17.30 – 19.00 (Language: English)

Chair: Lars Walløe UoO, AE (former President)

Opening Remarks

Update: SAPEA (FFO) Jan S. Vaagen (Bergen Hub) and Louise Edwards (Cardiff Hub)

Update: UNESCO in BERGEN – Inger Elisabeth Måren (UNESCO Professor UoB)

CONSENSUS Debate: Moderator Jan S. Vaagen

Theme: HARVESTING THE OCEANS (FFO)

How can more food and biomass be obtained from the oceans in a way that does not deprive future generations of their benefits?

Pros: Professor Michel Kaiser (FFO WG1, Bangor, Wales, UK)

Cons: Professor Matthias Kaiser (FFO WG2, Bergen, Norway)

Short break (Refreshments)

Invited Ex Auditorio Questions to Kaiser & Kaiser:

Røgnvaldur Hannesson (NHH)

Yngvar Olsen (WG1, NTNU)

Amund Måge (UoB)

Ian Kinsey (Sotra & Wales)

Terje Knutsen (UoB)

Inger Elisabeth Måren (UoB)

Audience Free to shoot!

End words by Chair Lars Walløe

