

RESOLUTION OF POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS SELECTION PROCESS IN THE CONTEXT OF PROJECT “RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE EXCELLENCE IN AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT UNDER AN ECOSYSTEM APPROACH – ECOAQUA (ERACHAIRS-2013)”

BACKGROUND

FIRST: November of 2013, The European Commission informed the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC) that the project entitled “Research and technology to enhance excellence in aquaculture development under an ecosystem approach (ECOAQUA)” submitted to the first call of the ERA-Chair Programme was favourably evaluated. Subsequently, the negotiations between the Directorate General for Research and Innovation (Directorate B – European Research Area) and the ULPGC finished on February 2014.

SECOND: In the Work Package 2 of the ECOAQUA project, the selection of four Post-Doctoral Researchers candidates was established as a main objective to be achieved in the first 6 months of the Project. The Post-doctoral researchers and the ERA Chair will enhance the ULPGC excellence in Sustainable Aquaculture Development and Marine Ecosystem Management, together with the ULPGC concerned research staff.

THIRD: The ULPGC prepared a specific call to recruit the post-doctoral researchers, publicized this call in different types of supports (AQUATT, MisPeces.com, AQUAEXCEL, EURAXESS, GICPA, FCPCT-ULPGC, ACTEON, MARINET, EuroOcean), with deadline for applications established on 29th October, 2014.

FOURTH: A total of forty nine applications were officially registered, from different countries: Australia (1), Bangladesh (1), Chile (1), France (2), Germany (2), India (1), Mexico (2), New Caledonia (1), New Zeland (1), Portugal (2), Spain (32), Turkey (1), United Kingdom (2). Only 32 applications were admitted and evaluated. One this last (referenced as EC-PD-ULPGC-30) presented all documents but it was completely out of the profile required and was dismissed.

FIFTH: The selection committee was formed by Sadasivan kausik (ERA Chair of ECOAQUA project), Juan Manuel Afonso López (Senior Research of Aquaculture Research Group – GIA and leader of WP2), Marisol Izquierdo López (Senior Research of Aquaculture Research Group and leader of GIA), Ricardo Haroun Tabraue (Senior Research and leader of Biodiversity and Conservation Research Group - BIOCON), and Gercende Courtois de Viçose (Project Manager of ECOAQUA project).

SIXTH: Applications were evaluated and scored according selection criteria planned in ECOAQUA project, as follow:

Previous requirements

- *PhD*
- *Years of professional experience > 5 years*

MERIT GROUP I: CV-Scientific (max 6 points)

MERIT GROUP II: Project (max. 3 points)

MERIT GROUP III: Letter of recommendation (max. 1 point)

SEVENTH: Resolution was issued on 12th January 2015, and a period for any claim or clarification was established.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

FIRST: The selection process was carried out following the Royal Decree 3/2011, 14th November, approving the revised text of the Law on Public Sector (<https://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2011/11/16/pdfs/BOE-A-2011-17887.pdf>: *Real Decreto Legislativo 3/2011, de 14 de noviembre, por el que se aprueba el texto refundido de la Ley de Contratos del Sector Público.*). Onerous contracts to celebrate by agencies or public institution (like universities or foundations) have to apply this Royal Decree 3/2011, in order to ensure that it conforms to the principles of freedom of access to tenders, publicity and transparency of procedures, and non-discrimination and equal treatment of candidates.

Viewed Background and Legal considerations, and under capacities they are of my competency

RESOLVE

The following candidates per each area of research:

POST-DOC RESEARCH AREAS	NAME
<i>Improve animal performance, health and welfare through nutrition</i>	Pedro Alexandre Coelho Borges
<i>Genetic improvement of productive, health and welfare traits</i>	Silvia Teresa Rodríguez Ramilo
<i>Appropriate planning tools for site selection</i>	José Manuel Fariñas Franco
<i>Develop decision-making tools for aquaculture and coastal ecosystem management</i>	Francisco Otero Ferrer

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, 12th January 2015.

Juan Manuel Afonso López

LEADER OF WORK PACKAGE TWO OF ECOAQUA PROJECT