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Team “AquaLab” from the University of Pisa (IT) Wins Sustainable Supply Chain Competition

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The Sustainable Supply Chain competition saw 6 teams from around the globe work for 4 months to prepare a project addressing a specific challenge in sustainable aquaculture. The challenge was identified by the student teams themselves and related to improving holistic and measurable quality that consumers understand. Teams designed and developed a solution that can be exploited by industry.

The team “AquaLab” project, ***“Towards sustainable awareness: Implementation of an aquaponic code of practice”*** was presented by team leader Luigi Petrocchi Jasinski at the Competition’s Final Virtual Workshop on 19 June 2019 and clinched their first-place finish.

Winners to present at Aquaculture Europe 2019 and NextFOOD 2020 conferences

A team of academic and industry experts evaluated the student projects, including at the Final Workshop where team members answered questions from the audience. The competition was close as all teams had excellent projects and only a few points separated the winners. Watch the competition on the ISEKI-Food YouTube channel [here](#). A member of the winning team will present the team project at the Aquaculture Europe 2019 conference in Berlin DE in Sept 2019 and at the NextFOOD 2020 project meeting in Thessaloniki GR in spring 2020. The winning team also receives a cash prize sponsored by ISEKI-Food Association.

This Sustainable Supply Chain competition in Sustainable Aquaculture was the first in a series that is a part of the NextFOOD project and was organised by ISEKI-Food Association affiliate European Food-STA and the University of Bologna. Future Sustainable Supply Chain competitions will focus on different topics, with the next likely on Sustainable Cereals in autumn 2019. Participation is an innovative learning experience as students gain in soft skills such as problem solving, teamwork and communication using action-oriented participatory learning while they also improve their technical skills in the competition topic. Visit the Sustainable Supply Chain Competition site for more information.

This competition is the first of a 4-year series and is one of the case studies of the NextFOOD project. NextFOOD’s core mission is to identify, describe and disseminate effective approaches to food production and forestry.

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