Annex II: Role of the IFOAM Aquaculture Forum Chair

IFOAM Aquaculture Forum is an organ within the IFOAM Action Group, organizing IFOAM – Organics International (IFOAM – OI) Affiliates and other non-affiliated stakeholders involved or interested in organic aquaculture.

Role specification
The Chair is a voluntary position whose responsibilities are to:
1. initiate, moderate and where appropriate lead discussions via email on issues of importance to organic aquaculture
2. chair meetings of the Forum, in person or via internet platforms
3. be the point of contact with IFOAM – OI
4. be responsible for communication with the membership for both IFOAM Aquaculture Forum and IFOAM EU Organic Aquaculture Expert Group.
5. represent the organic aquaculture sector to the IFOAM – OI World Board when called to do so.
6. appoint the coordinator who organizes the office and communications

Suitable candidates for the role as Chair must have:
• empathy with IFOAM – OI aims and objectives
• in-depth experience of the organic sector and in aquaculture
• understanding of the main challenges facing the organic aquaculture sector
• trust and authority within the organic sector
• experience of chairing meetings to reach collective decisions.

Term of office
The term of office is three years.

Recruitment process
The IFOAM Aquaculture Forum Chair shall be elected by the IFOAM Aquaculture Forum General Assembly. Candidates may put themselves forward, submitting a cover letter and Curriculum vitae. Suitable CVs will be forwarded to Forum members in due time before the GA.

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