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Global Agriculture and
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Aquaculture Research and Equity Forum

 *Lecture Theatre 2*

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies Building
Easter Bush Campus, Midlothian EH25 9RG, UK

 *Monday, May 19* |  *2:00 – 5:30 PM*

Purpose:

To bring together international and cross-sector perspectives to identify and align research priorities in salmon health—particularly across freshwater and marine stages—while fostering collaboration and showcasing initiatives that support equity and inclusion in aquaculture, with a focus on advancing the role of women in the sector. This forum aims to strengthen the connection between science, policy, and practice in aquaculture, contributing to global sustainability and animal health goals.





Program

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Session 1: Salmon Farming Priorities in Fish Health Research

Moderators: Ronnie Soutar (Scottish Sea Farms) & Fernando Mardones (Division of Global Agriculture and Food Systems, University of Edinburgh)

Speakers:

- **Alicia Gallardo** – President, Aquatic Animal Health Commission, WOA: *“Salmon Farming Priorities in Fish Health Research”*
- **Alexander Murray** – Epidemiology Group Leader, Marine Scotland Science: *“A Blue Economy view on Salmon Farming Priorities for Fish Health Research”*
- **Andrew Richardson** – Technical and Standards Manager, Salmon Scotland: *“Scottish Salmon and One Health”*
- **Nick Wade** - Group Leader Aquaculture Genetics, The Roslin Institute: *“Research to address salmon health challenges”*
- **Loreto Seguel** - President, Chilean Salmon Council: *“Supporting research into sustainable salmon farming”*.
- **Andrew Preston** – Lead, Trait Development and Land Based, Benchmark Genetics (online): *“Atlantic salmon genetics and breeding technologies: The One health perspective”*

Special topic

Jorge del Pozo (R(D)SVS, University of Edinburgh) *“Defining essential fish health skills for new veterinary graduates: Day 1 Competencies initiative”*





3:30 – 4:00 PM

 **Coffee Break and Networking**

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Session 2: Women in Aquaculture – Scotland and Worldwide

Chair: Susan Jarvis (University of Edinburgh)

Opening Remarks: Prof. Lisa Boden, Head of the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, University of Edinburgh.

Panel Speakers:

- **Alicia Gallardo** – President, Aquatic Animal Health Commission, WOA: *“Addressing animal health emergencies through the lens of gender”*
- **Matilda Lomas** – Co-Chair, Women in Scottish Aquaculture (WiSA)
- **Loreto Seguel** – President, Chilean Salmon Council: *“Female leadership has no boundaries”*

5:00 – 5:15 PM

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Geoff Simm – Chair, Division of Global Agriculture and Food Systems (GAAFS), University of Edinburgh



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for Animal Health
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