

Dear Fishpathogens.eu user

This is the first newsletter from Fishpathogens.eu.

#### THE DATABASE TODAY

The database was released about a month ago with 225 VHSV isolates included. Since then 57 persons from all around the world have signed up as users of the database. We are very happy for this big interest and would like to thank all of you for your interest. The number of VHSV isolates in the database has grown from 225 to 280. The isolates originate from 12 different countries and already 9 users have their own isolate reports in the database. 205 sequences are public available in the database today included in these are 71 full length G-gene ORFs. 7 different users already own sequence reports in the database. We are very pleased with this development and would like to thank all the people who have helped adding and/or reviewing data. You can search all the public available data by following this link:

<http://www.fishpathogens.eu/vhsv/search.php>

#### THE DATABASE TOMORROW

We have already now found some strong collaborators to help extend the database with two other Rhabdoviruses. Dr. Heike Schütze and Dr. Gael Kurath have agreed to help with IHNV and Dr. David Stone will help with SVCV. We are very happy to have such competent people in our team.

#### DO YOU WANT TO START ADDING DATA?

You are always very welcome to contact me on [spjo@vet.dtu.dk](mailto:spjo@vet.dtu.dk) if you would like to get some help to add your data. We are grateful for all contributions. You are also welcome to send feedback on your experiences with the database to this address. There are also manuals available:

<http://www.fishpathogens.eu/vhsv/help.php>

#### PUBLICATION ON THE DATABASE

There has been a publication on the database in Journal of Fish Diseases that you are very welcome to cite if you use information from the database:

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122458428/abstract>

#### SUMMERTIME

Our computer scientist Tanya is on a well deserved vacation, so there could be a delay in correcting errors in the database, but we cross our fingers that no problems will arise while she is away.

Thank you for your time and have a nice summer  
Søren Peter Jonstrup