



AQUALAB Student Conference 2006

Galway, Ireland

Student questionnaire on PhD activities in the AquaTNet domain

Thank you for agreeing to complete this questionnaire

(Optional) Name:

(Optional) Organisation/Institute & Country:

1. In which country are you doing your PhD?

2. Are you doing a PhD in the AquaTNet domain?

Yes No

3. In which area are you doing your PhD?

- Aquaculture
- Coastal management
- Fisheries

4. Who decided on the PhD subject?

- Student
- Supervisor
- Combination of student and supervisor
- Institute
- Topic needs to fit into a long-term predefined strategy of the institute

5. How did you choose your supervisor?

- You decided to study with him/her
- He/she decided to study with you
- Head department decided
- Other (please specify) _____

6. How long are you already working on your PhD?

7. Can you completely focus on your PhD research, or do you have other duties? If you have other duties, please specify?

8. Are you lecturing at the BSc or MSc level?

- No
- Yes, at BSc level
- Yes, at MSc level
- Yes, at both BSc and MSc level

9. Are you responsible for practical exercises at the BSc or MSc level?

- No
- Yes, at BSc level
- Yes, at MSc level
- Yes, at both BSc and MSc level

10. With which model does your PhD research correspond?

- Individual study programme based on an informal to formal working alliance between a supervisor and a doctoral candidate (an apprenticeship model)
- A structured programme organised within research groups or research/graduate/doctoral schools with two phases: a taught phase (mandatory and voluntary courses or modules) and a research phase

11. Are you participating in a doctoral training programme, including compulsory courses?

12. If you are following compulsory courses, are they part of a regular MSc curriculum or are they specially designed courses at the PhD level?

13. Are you interested in a PhD which includes a PhD training programme as described in 10b?

14. Should a PhD training programme include:

- Advanced courses in your specific research area
- Generic courses (such a time management course, management courses, computing skills...)
- Both

15. Describe what specific courses you would like to have available?

a. In your specific research area (including statistics)

b. Generic courses

16. What are your current prospects after finishing your PhD:

- Do an academic post-doc
- Obtain a university position (e.g. assistant)
- Have a job in a research institute
- Have a job in the industry
- No prospects at the moment

17. Do you plan a research period outside the lab where you do the major part of your PhD?

18. Do you plan mobility during your PhD period:

- In between lab of the same institute
- In between labs of different institutes
- In between labs located in different countries

Please feel free to make any other comments

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire! Please hand completed forms to an AquaTT staff member or fax completed forms to AquaTT @ +353 (0)1 644 9009