



NSERC HONOURS ACADIAN SEAPLANTS WITH A SYNERGY AWARD FOR INNOVATION

September 25, 2008. Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Synergy Award for Innovation was bestowed upon Dr. Thierry Chopin, University of New Brunswick Saint John (UNBSJ) and his research collaborators: Acadian Seaplants, Cooke Aquaculture Inc. and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada for their collaborative research on the Integrated Multi-trophic Aquaculture program conducted in New Brunswick.

Dr. Thierry Chopin, Dr. Shawn Robinson (Fisheries and Oceans Canada), Mr. Glenn Cooke (Cooke Aquaculture Inc.) and Mr. Jean-Paul Deveau (Acadian Seaplants Limited) were the recipients of the 2008 NSERC Synergy Award for Innovation in the category "Two or more Companies" for their "novel aquaculture techniques that enhance the industry's productivity and environmental sustainability".

"The presence of seaweeds is an essential part of the IMTA concept as they add considerable value to the biomitigation process," said Jean-Paul Deveau, president of Acadian Seaplants Limited. "Our role is in the further valorization of the biomass. We are currently determining market acceptance of the IMTA seaweeds as a food for Asian cuisine and/or using the biomass as a source of ingredients for global nutraceutical and functional food industries. We value our long-standing relationship and are very pleased that NSERC recognized all parties for their contributions to this aquaculture practice which we hope becomes widely accepted and adopted."

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