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The first FEAP LASCHINGER NextGen Award to be delivered in Munich this November



FEAP, the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers, has launched in 2024 a series of initiatives targeting the younger aquaculture professionals, to promote the aquaculture potential for innovation, careers and opportunities.

This ambition, developed under our FEAP NextGen initiative, particularly aims to identify and support young aquaculture professionals, providing them with opportunities to learn from the work of FEAP through training, knowledge sharing and more widely to create opportunities to connect with other professionals and European National Fish Farmers associations.

This year, a flagship initiative will be launched on occasion of the FEAP Annual Meeting in Munich in November 2025: the unveiling of **the FEAP Laschinger NextGen Award**.

Presentation and background story:

The FEAP-Laschinger NextGen Award will recognise outstanding entrepreneurship and business leadership among young professionals in European aquaculture production.

It is a joint initiative of FEAP and Mr Rudolf Laschinger. Mr Laschinger established the company in 1979 in Birkenthal, Bavaria, starting with a trout farm and a small smokehouse. He later expanded into salmon farming and processing, including Norway, Scotland (Shetland), and Ireland operations. Today, the company produces large volumes of smoked salmon and related products for national and international markets. Mr Laschinger continues to support initiatives in aquaculture.

The award will recognise energetic individuals who have achieved business success through hard work and entrepreneurial spirit. It is intended for those directly involved in the production side of aquaculture who have overcome challenges and demonstrated initiative. European professional aquaculture associations from any subsector (finfish,