

Newsletter no.1 - April 2019

Dear national age/maturity coordinator

WGSMART are holding quarterly meetings and our newsletter will be sent out after each to inform you of relevant updates.

- All issues reported to us since WGBIOP 2018 have been given a priority and are assigned to a responsible person.
- A new feedback website has been introduced. Any feedback should be reported through this site: <https://smartdots.ices.dk/Userfeedback>
- User Handbooks will be updated in line with all developments on a bi-annual basis. Links to these can be found on the SmartDots homepage. Please refer to these when setting up and reporting on events.
- The first maturity staging calibration event in SmartDots will be tested using dab (*Limanda limanda*).
- Work will begin on the R-script for reporting of maturity events after the summer holidays. Until this is available coordinators should supply reports in their own format.

We would also like to use this opportunity to remind you all about your responsibility as a national age/maturity coordinator;

- Please make sure your readers are updated in SmartDots.
- If a WGBIOP exchange or workshop is to be run by someone else at your institute, it is your responsibility as coordinator to propose the event in SmartDots and delegate the event to the responsible person.
- All exchanges and workshops need to be reported on and published – there are still too many unpublished events (Please check at <https://smartdots.ices.dk/ViewListEvents> for exchanges and workshops included in SmartDots and see event ID 81 for a nice example of how the reports can look).

Best regards
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