"Thanks to the Master I have come into contact with the world of research and had the opportunity to work with the best aquaculture professionals. I believe that the programme has been a fabulous personal experience for me to work in an international context."

Mouna Abaab, Environmental Assessment & Management (EAM), Túnex.

"The Master, besides offering me the chance to choose between different areas of expertise, has also contributed to my personal development, thanks to the unique experience I shared with people from different areas of expertise. Personally it has opened doors to the fantastic world of sea horses."

Bruno Novelli, doctorando GIA-SULPC.

"Attending the course on marine culture of the UPLGC-JECM has meant a lot of changes for me. Professionally it has enabled me to work with marimo fish larvae, which I am passionate about, and to become acquainted with the highest levels of modern aquaculture. Personally I have met some very interesting people and have lived with a great group of people and their friends and colleagues that have become my best friends and that will be with me for the rest of my life."

Mauricio Moreno Alva, Hatchery Manager, Ocean Baia Lago, Baja California, México.

"Thanks to the Master I have been able to specialize in sole culture, which is what I have always wanted."

Ricardo Zorlós, Director Produccion CUPMAR, Cádiz, España.
Aquaculture constitutes the production of food that has most grown over the past 30 years and is currently a consolidated activity able to supply the global demand of nutrition and the conservation of stocks of wild species by humans from the late 80s. In 2015 world production of Aquaculture reached 106 million tons (alue included). In fact, more than half of the aquatic products for human consumption came from aquaculture, and, in the case of species such as salmon, carp and sea bass it reaches up to a 90%, 70% in mussels and 25% in prawns or shrimp. Europe is the third leading producer of Aquaculture after Asia and the United States, with a producer of shellfish worldwide and a major producer of turf, seabream, sea bass, trout and sea species such as cage and sea bass.

This development requires a continued demand of specialized professionals in the various fields of this activity, which the University Master in Marine Aquaculture (Postgraduate Specialization Master in Aquaculture) has been building up for over 20 years. The Master offers an international programme on the principles of Aquaculture, the cultivation techniques of the most representative species and the different areas of study that support this activity. The students will be able to use the facilities of the various universities in the Mediterranean region. In the Mediterranean region, from various countries and students from the five continents, the Master is an intense personal and professional experience with a strong international character.

The Master is coordinated by the Aquaculture Research Group (GIA) (www.grupoaquicultura.com) of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC), and the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Aquaculture Research (CIMEH), through the Mediterranean Aquaculture Institute of Zaragoza (IAMZ).

The programme will be taught by highly skilled teachers of their host institutions and the various agencies that collaborate in the programme. Interested candidates may apply to conduct thesis research at centres in their home countries.

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The completion of the Master thesis shall be the admission to the programme. The GIA will provide a period of introduction to research. This Master opens the door for later registration, if desired, in the Ph.D. programme. The GIA is a part of the conference, which will be participated in by the teachers who collaborate in the programme. Interested candidates may apply to conduct thesis research at centres in their home countries.

The course is designed for a maximum of 20 participants who must meet the following criteria:

A) Higher university degree or equivalent, related to the theme of the course.
B) Knowledge of Spanish, which will be the working language of the course.

Various public and private agencies may grant scholarships to participate in the programme. These scholarships may be awarded according to academic merits, and preference will be given to students from developing countries.

The course will be taught in English, knowledge of this language will also be valued in the selection of candidates.

The CIMEH will organize an intensive Spanish course in Zaragoza between July and September 2016 for those participants who require it.

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The Master programme will take place in the second part, upon admission of the candidate and the approval of a work protocol submitted under the supervision of the thesis director. This step may be performed by a PhD with proven expertise. The thesis may take place at the headquarters of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria or any equivalent institution.

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The first part, the Postgraduate Specialization Course, will include lectures, practical work and field visits and laboratory techniques. These activities are supported by seminars and open discussions. The course will be taught at the Scientific and Technological Park, and require full time participation. The total duration of the course is 600 teaching hours.

The research project and the thesis required for obtaining the title of university Master, will take place in the second part, upon admission of the candidate and approval of a work protocol submitted under the supervision of the thesis director. This step may be performed by a PhD with proven expertise. The thesis may take place at the headquarters of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria or any equivalent institution.

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