## First National Symposium on caviar production and export, its derivatives, Hopes and Challenges

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The First National Symposium on Caviar Production and export, its derivatives, hopes and Challenges were organized by Iran National Innovation Fund & Healthy Products Network under Biotechnology Development Council of vice presidency for Science and Technology, On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2021, Tehran- Iran.

The objective of symposium was to assess and evaluate the problem exist in entire caviar industry, from production to national as well as international trade, public awareness on healthy and safe aquatic food and introduction the valuable high quality products such as Iranian Caviar which historically is a national prestige and worldwide known as the best brand in international market.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, this symposium was organized as virtual (70 attendants) and with limited number of speakers, representative of caviar Producer Company (25 persons) were present locally in this meeting.

Main topics and titles of the invited speakers were as followings:

- Production and Export of Caviar and its derivative with emphasize on Security and safety of Food
- > National policy for extension and development of sturgeon aquaculture
- > Iranian Caviar with necessity on its unique quality and world known brand
- ➢ World Trade of Caviar
- > Governance and Harmonization on strategic development in National Aquatic industry
- > Monitoring on general safety of Aquatic Products
- > Current problems on feed, drugs and additives, increasing costs
- > Tracking of sturgeon, caviar and its derivatives from farm to tables.

Caviar exhibition as a side event were performed and 6 national caviar companies demonstrate their products.

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