



International Association for Open Knowledge on Invasive Alien Species

Report on the Association activities in 2020

1. 2020 General Annual Meeting of the Association.

The 2020 General Annual Meeting was held on May 22, 2020, Helsinki, Finland.

The Meeting adopted Action Plan for 2020, Financial Action Plan for 2020, elected ten members of the Executive Committee, and two auditors.

Specifically, Frances E. Lucy was re-elected as Executive Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The Meeting elected 6 ordinary members of the Executive Committee: Frances E. Lucy, Mark John Costello, David Bruce Conn, Laura Verbrugge, Sonia Vanderhoeven and Laura Garzoli (as Early Career Representative), and 4 deputy members of the Executive Committee: Vadim E. Panov, Elena Tricarico, Stelios Katsanevakis and Desika Moodley (as Early Career Representative).

Mr Elias Altarriba was elected as Auditor and Ms Satu Huurtomaa as Vice-Auditor.

Other details of this meeting are available in the Meeting Minutes (Annex 1).

2. Meetings of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of INVASIVESNET was established at the INVASIVESNET 2020 General Annual Meeting, and currently it includes ten officers, elected by membership (see in Section 1 of this Report). In 2020 the Executive Committee had two meetings.

1.1. First 2020 Executive Committee meeting was held on February 7, 2020, Helsinki, Finland.

The meeting discussed and decided on important issues of the Association work, including approval of the candidates for Regular organizational membership, approval of the candidate for Honorary membership, and approval of small research grant.

Details of this meeting are available in the Meeting Minutes (Annex 2).

1.2. Second 2020 Executive Committee meeting was held on May 22, 2020, Helsinki, Finland.

The meeting elected Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee. Also, the meeting discussed and decided on important issues of the Association work, including implementation of 2020 Action Plan, and COVID-19 pandemic and Association's activities.

Details of this meeting are available in the Meeting Minutes (Annex 3).

2. Activities, related to dissemination of open knowledge on invasive alien species

2.1. Development of the website

During 2020, the website of the Association (<https://www.invasivesnet.org/>) has been further developed, improving an online system for application for membership and the creation of online profiles of members, and online service for payment of membership fees. Information on the performance of the website can be found in the annual 2020 report of the Media and Communication Working Group (see section 3.2).

2.2. Activities of the Media and Communication Working Group (MCWG)

The Media and Communication Working Group (MCWG) was established on April 23, 2018 by special decision of the Executive Meeting of the Association. The main objective of the MCWG is to promote and support the mission of INVASIVESNET via the effective use of social media and other media outlets.

During reporting period, MCWG maintained social media channels Facebook, Twitter and Instagram through daily monitoring and developing and posting targeted content. MCWG also prepared several news webpages for the INVASIVESNET website. Also, MCWG participated in preparation of call for small grant proposals, and conducted a Global Survey on Invasive Alien Species Organisation and Networks (held from June to December 2020). Detailed information on MCWG activities is available in the MCWG 2020 Report (Annex 4).

2.3. International meetings

Due to COVID-19 situation, in 2020 INVASIVESNET did not participated in any scientific meetings. However, INVASIVESNET supported and was actively involved in preparation of special issues of INVASIVESNET journals, based on papers presented at following international meetings:

- The 10th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions held in Puerto Madryn, Argentina, October 16–18, 2018 (conference proceedings published in March 2020 in the special issue of "Aquatic Invasions");
- The 21st International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (ICAIS), October 27-31, 2019, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (proceedings will be published in the special ICAIS issues of "Aquatic Invasions" and "Management of Biological Invasions" in March 2021).
- International conference "Detection and control of forest invasive alien species in a dynamic world" held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 25th–29th, 2019 (conference proceedings published in November 2020 in the special issue of "Management of Biological Invasions").

2.4. Publications in open access journals

Publications in official journals of INVASIVESNET is an important instrument for implementing the priority objective of the Association - Delivering excellent Open Knowledge and Open Data on biological invasions and invasive species to all interested stakeholders.

In 2020, the official journals of INVASIVESNET published 178 research articles related to invasive species, including information on new records of invasive species, their impacts on native species and ecosystem services, and recommendations for relevant management options.

3. Financial activities

3.1. Membership fees and donations paid in 2020

In 2020, membership fees have been paid by four organisational members of the Association, namely by Research Institute for Nature and Forest (INBO), Belgium, Meise Botanic Garden, Belgium, National Research Council - Water Research Institute CNR-IRSA, Italy and Scientific and the Practical Center for Bioresources of the National Academy of Sciences, Belarus. Also, 27 individual members paid their 2020 membership fees. Other 88 members had free membership in the Association (two Honorary members, 5 formal representatives of Regular organizational members, 1 member from Cuba and 80 active editors of official INVASIVESNET journals). In total, at the end of 2020, Association had 115 individual members.

Amount of donations in 2020 was low, totalling 55 Euro.

Detailed information is available in 2020 Financial Report (Annex 5).

List of Annexes

1. **Annex 1.** Minutes of INVASIVESNET 2020 General Meeting (available as a separate document at https://invasivesnet.org/events-2020/INVASIVESNET_2020_General_Meeting_Minutes-FINAL.pdf)

List of annexes of Minutes of INVASIVESNET 2020 General Meeting

- Annex 1.** Formal invitation to members to participate in 2019 General Meeting of INVASIVESNET
- Annex 2.** 2020 General Meeting Agenda ([INVASIVESNET_2020_General_Meeting_Agenda.pdf](#)).
- Annex 3.** INVASIVESNET 2019 Activities Report ([INVASIVESNET_2019_Activities_Report.pdf](#)).
- Annex 4.** INVASIVESNET 2019 Financial Statement ([INVASIVESNET_2019_Financial_Statement.pdf](#)).
- Annex 5.** INVASIVESNET 2019 Auditor's Report ([INVASIVESNET_2019_audit_statement.pdf](#)).
- Annex 6.** INVASIVESNET Media and Communications Working Group 2019 Report ([INVASIVESNET_MCWG_Report_2019.pdf](#)).
- Annex 7.** INVASIVESNET 2020 Action Plan ([INVASIVESNET_2020_Action_Plan.pdf](#)).
- Annex 8.** INVASIVESNET 2020 Financial Action Plan ([INVASIVESNET_2020_Financial_Action_Plan.pdf](#)).

Annexes 2-8 are available at the INVASIVESNET website at https://invasivesnet.org/events-2020/2020_General_Meeting_Agenda.php

2. **Annex 2.** Minutes of the first INVASIVESNET 2020 Executive Committee meeting (available as a separate document [INVASIVESNET_2020_First_Executive_Meeting_Minutes.pdf](#))
3. **Annex 3.** Minutes of the second INVASIVESNET 2020 Executive Committee meeting (available as a separate document [INVASIVESNET_2020_Second_Executive_Meeting_Minutes.pdf](#))
4. **Annex 4.** Media and Communication Working Group 2020 Report (available as separate document [INVASIVESNET_MCWG_2020_Report.pdf](#))
5. **Annex 5.** Financial 2020 Report (available as a separate document [INVASIVESNET_2020_Financial_Statement](#))