



# International Association for Open Knowledge on Invasive Alien Species

## 2021 Action Plan

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#### 1. 2021 General Meeting of the Association.

The 2021 General Annual Meeting will be held on March 29, 2021, in Helsinki, Finland (by ZOOM).

The Meeting Agenda is available in **Annex 1**.

#### 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee

The 2021 Executive Committee of INVASIVESNET will have following meetings:

2.1. First 2021 Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 29, 2021, in Helsinki, Finland (by ZOOM, the Meeting Agenda is available in Annex 2)

2.2. Additional meetings of the Executive Committee will be arranged if needed.

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

##### 3.1. Publications in open access journals

Publications in official open access journals of INVASIVESNET are an important instrument for implementing a priority objective of the Association - Delivering excellent Open Knowledge and Open Data on biological invasions and invasive species to all interested stakeholders. In 2021, we plan to improve further publication services for members of INVASIVESNET and independent experts, in order to make their knowledge and data on invasive species freely available. Specifically, during 2021 we plan to complete instalment of professional manuscript submission system for official INVASIVESNET journals, and to publish more than 140 research articles in “Aquatic Invasions”, “BioInvasions Records” and “Management of Biological Invasions”.

##### 3.2. Activities of Media and Communication Working Group (MCWG)

In addition to the activities presented in the Media and Communication Working Group (MCWG) 2020 Report, in this current year 2021 the MCWG is planning to: 1) develop new visual content for social media and online events; 2) improve the functionality and layout of the INVASIVESNET website and develop new content; and 3) explore opportunities for promoting member interaction.

### **3.3. Development of online conference and workshop services**

One of the original concepts for INVASIVESNET activities was the hosting of virtual conferences. With the restrictions imposed by COVID19 and our existing hosting (ZOOM) and payment platforms, this association is well positioned to develop and organize our own thematic conferences/workshop, and moreover also act as a host for other IAS conference events. Zoom allows for both plenary and simultaneous breakout rooms. There is likely to be ongoing problems with the organization of regular scientific conferences with physical participation of expert for the next few years and this can provide us with opportunities at different scales.

### **4. Financial activities**

Financial activities of the Association in 2021 will focus on the involvement of new organizational and individual members, and support of individual members with small research grants (Financial Action Plan is available in Annex 3).

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