



International Association for Open Knowledge on Invasive Alien Species

Minutes of INVASIVESNET 2021 General Annual Meeting (4th AGM)

14:00 -15:00, March 29, 2021, Helsinki, Finland

Present: Frances Lucy, Vadim Panov, Mark John Costello, David Bruce Conn, Stelios Katsanevakis, Laura Garzoli, Laura Verbrugge, Elena Tricarico, Desika Moodley, Sonia Vanderhoeven, Tim Adriaens, Iram Igbal, Kęstutis Arbačiauskas, Zigmantas Gudžinskas, Noa Shenkar, Angela Boggero, Lyudmila Kamburska, Iuliia Kutsokon (by ZOOM), and other INVASIVESNET Members (by e-mail).

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

President of the Association Frances Lucy announced opening of the 2021 General Annual Meeting of INVASIVESNET at 2:10 pm.

Agenda Item 2. Election of General Meeting Chairperson, Secretary and two examiners of the minutes and scrutineers

Frances Lucy and Vadim Panov were elected as Chairperson and Secretary respectively. Lyudmila Kamburska, Iuliia Kutsokon were elected as examiners of the Meeting Minutes and scrutineers.

Agenda Item 3. Legality and quorum of the Meeting

The Chairperson of the Meeting stated that Meeting met the quorum required, and the meeting has been convened 11 days prior to the meeting (on 18 March 2021) via e-mail to members. Invitation is provided in **Annex 1**. Thus, the general meeting is legal and a quorum is present.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Agenda.

The Agenda was proposed by Bruce Conn, seconded by Iuliia Kutsokon and approved by all attendees of the meeting (**Annex 2**).

Agenda Item 5. Presentation of annual report, financial statement and auditor's report.

The annual report (**Annex 3**), financial statement (**Annex 4**) and auditors report (**Annex 5**) were presented at the meeting by the Executive Director (Vadim Panov). The work of the Media and Communications Working Group (**Annex 6**) was presented by the Communication Officer of the Association, Laura Verbrugge. Laura Verbrugge also reported preliminary findings of the global survey on IAS, Organizations and Networks.

The meeting took note on the reports, and complimented work of the Media and Communications Working Group.

Agenda Item 6. Confirmation of financial statement and discharging from liability for the accounts for executive members and other persons responsible.

The financial statement was confirmed and all liabilities for the accounts were discharged.

The discharging from liability for the accounts was made based on documents presented in Agenda item 5.

Agenda Item 7. Confirmation of Action Plan, budget and amount of membership fees.

The Action plan (**Annex 7**) and budget (**Annex 8**) were presented at the meeting. The documents were accepted without any changes.

It was unanimously agreed to have no changes to the amount of membership charges in 2021-2022. There will be increased efforts in 2021-2022 to increase budget intake to 7,500 euro by resourcing more organizational and individual membership fees.

Agenda Item 8. Election of Executive Chairperson, and ordinary and deputy members of the Executive Committee.

Candidates for positions of Executive offices for 2021-2022 were presented at the meeting, as recommended by the International Council.

Frances E. Lucy, current President of Association, was re-elected as Executive Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

The Meeting elected 6 ordinary members of the Executive Committee: Frances E. Lucy, David Bruce Conn, Mark John Costello, Vadim E. Panov, Laura Verbrugge, Sonia Vanderhoeven.

Also, the Meeting elected 4 deputy members of the Executive Committee: Elena Tricarico, Stelios Katsanevakis, Laura Garzoli (as Early Career Representative), and Desika Moodley (as Early Career Representative).

Agenda Item 9. Election of auditor(s) and vice-auditor(s).

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

Agenda Item 10. Other issues

Discussion on increasing capacity of INVASIVESNET.

Meeting participants discussed ways to stimulate applications for membership by students and organizations. Elena Tricarico proposed the production of leaflets and other advertisement materials for students. Sonia Vanderhoeven suggested the creation of a searchable registry for experts as a tool for attracting more students. Noa Shenkar proposed a photography contest for students with benefits for the winners. Bruce Conn suggested that the winning photos could be published in the Newsletter, and Sonia Vanderhoeven suggested creating an open access database for pictures. Fred Wells shared his negative experience with involvement students of within another association (by e-mail).

Actions: Media and Communication Working Group will work on advertising materials for students, and also consider possible arrangements for submission of photographs of invasive species by students. Tim Adriaens offered to perform outreach for INVASIVESNET through Alternet Europe. Executive Office will consider other possible options for involvement new individual and organizational members.

Agenda Item 11. Closure of General Meeting.

The Meeting requested the Secretary and the Chairperson to finalise the Outcome of the Meeting. The Chairperson announced a closure of the 2021 General Meeting of INVASIVESNET at 2:50 pm.

Frances Lucy (Chairperson)

Vadim Panov (Secretary)

Lyudmila Kamburska (minutes examiner and scrutineer)

Iuliia Kutsokon (minutes examiner and scrutineer)

List of annexes

Annex 1. Formal invitation to members to participate in 2021 General Meeting of INVASIVESNET ([download INVASIVESNET_2021_General_Meeting_Invitation.pdf](#)).

Annex 2. 2021 General Meeting Agenda ([download INVASIVESNET_2021_General_Meeting_Agenda.pdf](#)).

Annex 3. INVASIVESNET 2020 Activities Report ([download INVASIVESNET_2020_Activities_Report.pdf](#)).

Annex 4. INVASIVESNET 2020 Financial Statement ([download INVASIVESNET_2020_Financial_Statement.pdf](#)).

Annex 5. INVASIVESNET 2020 Auditor's Report ([download INVASIVESNET_2020_audition_statement.pdf](#)).

Annex 6. INVASIVESNET Media and Communications Working Group 2020 Report ([download INVASIVESNET_MCWG_Report_2020.pdf](#)).

Annex 7. INVASIVESNET 2021 Action Plan ([download INVASIVESNET_2021_Action_Plan.pdf](#)).

Annex 8. INVASIVESNET 2021 Financial Action Plan ([download INVASIVESNET_2021_Financial_Action_Plan.pdf](#)).

Annexes 2-8 are available at the INVASIVESNET website at https://invasivesnet.org/events-2021/2021_General_Meeting_Agenda.php

Annex 1. Formal invitation to members to participate in 2021 General Meeting of INVASIVESNET.

From: "INVASIVESNET Office" office@invasivesnet.org

Sent: 18/03/20 10:26

To: INVASIVESNET mail list

Subject: Invitation for the 2021 General Meeting of INVASIVESNET

Dear INVASIVESNET member,

For your information, 2021 General Meeting of the International Association for Open Knowledge on Invasive Alien Species (INVASIVESNET) will be held on **March 29, 2021 (14:00-15:00) in Helsinki**, Finland.

Please join us via ZOOM videoconference (please install ZOOM at your device - this may take few minutes).

Topic: INVASIVESNET 2021 General meeting

Time: **March 29, 2021 02:00 PM Helsinki**

Zoom Conference link : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87466814584?pwd=Slk1d3pvcjN1WGVMMEFzUkR0Ry9BUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6681 4584

Passcode: 942598

Dial by your location

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87466814584>

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Annual statutory matters are on the agenda available at the INVASIVESNET website at https://invasivesnet.org/events-2021/2021_General_Meeting_Agenda.php

At this webpage you can download the Meeting agenda, reporting documents for our activities in 2020, and our Action Plan and Financial Action Plan for 2021.

Also, this webpage includes names of candidates for positions of Executive offices of the Association for 2021-2022 and web links to their online member profiles. Please note that this time we have 10 candidates for 10 positions of Executive officers.

Please explore the General Meeting webpage and send me, **by March 29** an email with your approval of our 2020 reporting documents and action plans for 2021, and also your vote for our President and other Executive officers of the Association.

Your support is important for us!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contact me.

Looking forward to your cooperation
and with kind regards,

Vadim

Vadim E. Panov, Ph.D.

Executive Director

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