



International Association for Open Knowledge on Invasive Alien Species

Report on the Association activities in 2022

1. 2022 General Annual Meeting of the Association.

The 2022 General Annual Meeting was held on April 1, 2022, Helsinki, Finland. The Meeting adopted Action Plan for 2022, Financial Action Plan for 2022, elected nine 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, David Bruce Conn, Vadim E. Panov, Laura Verbrugge, Sonia Vanderhoeven and Laura Garzoli, and 3 deputy members of the Executive Committee: Elena Tricarico, Stelios Katsanevakis, and Tomos Jones (as Student 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 2022 General Annual Meeting, and currently it includes nine officers, elected by membership (see in Section 1 of this Report). In 2022 the Executive Committee had one meeting – on April 11, Helsinki, Finland.

The meeting discussed and decided on important issues of the Association work, including election of Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Committee and Vice-Presidents of the Association, issues for implementation of 2022 Action Plan and approval of four small research grants.

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

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

3.1. Development of the website

During 2022, the website of the Association (<https://www.invasivesnet.org/>) has been further developed. Information on the performance of the website can be found in the annual 2022 report of the Media and Communication Working Group (see section 3.2).

3.2. 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, and disseminated a quarterly newsletter. In December 2022, WCMG opened the profile of INVASIVESNET in LinkedIn. Also, MCWG participated in preparation of a call for small grant proposals, and initiated call for "Supporting a Student" membership. Detailed information on MCWG activities is available in the MCWG 2022 Report (Annex 3).

3.3. International meetings

In 2022 INVASIVESNET supported and was actively involved in organization of special sessions and workshops at the international meetings:

- The 22nd International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (ICAIS 2022), April 18-22, 2022 - Workshop on impacts of Covid-19 pandemic on aquatic invasive species management and research (chairs – Frances Lucy and David Bruce Conn);
- 36th SIL Congress, 7-10 August 2022 Berlin, Germany - Special session “Invasive alien species in inland waters: invasion trends, impacts and management” (chairperson – Vadim Panov);

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Also, in 2022 INVASIVESNET supported and was actively involved in preparation of special issues of INVASIVESNET journals, based on papers presented at following international meetings:

- Island Invasives Symposium at the 29th Vertebrate Pest Conference held in Santa Barbara, California, U.S.A., March 2–5, 2020 – Special issue “Effectiveness of Goodnature A24 self-resetting rat traps for invasive rodent control” – published in October 2022 in the special issue of and “Management of Biological Invasions”;
- The 22nd International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (ICAIS 2022) - conference proceedings, special issues of "Aquatic Invasions" and “Management of Biological Invasions”, in preparation.

3.4. 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 2022, the official journals of INVASIVESNET published 190 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.

4. Financial activities

4.1. Membership fees and donations paid in 2022.

In 2022, membership fees have been paid by three organisational members of the Association. Also, 24 individual members paid their 2022 membership fees. 107 members had free membership in the Association, including 2 Honorary members, 5 formal representatives of Regular organizational members, 1 member from Cuba and 99 active editors of official INVASIVESNET journals. In total, at the end of 2022, Association had 132 individual members.

Amount of collected membership fees in 2022 averages 4218,82 Euro.

Amount of donations in 2022 averages 1471,57 Euro.

Detailed information is available in 2022 Financial Report (Annex 4).

List of Annexes

1. **Annex 1.** Minutes of INVASIVESNET 2022 General Meeting (available as a separate document at https://invasivesnet.org/events-2022/INVASIVESNET_2022_General_Meeting_Minutes-FINAL.pdf)

List of annexes of Minutes of INVASIVESNET 2022 General Meeting

- Annex 1.** Formal invitation to members to participate in 2022 General Meeting of INVASIVESNET
- Annex 2.** 2022 General Meeting Agenda ([INVASIVESNET_2021_General_Meeting_Agenda.pdf](#)).
- Annex 3.** INVASIVESNET 2021 Activities Report ([INVASIVESNET_2021_Activities_Report.pdf](#)).
- Annex 4.** INVASIVESNET 2021 Financial Statement ([INVASIVESNET_2021_Financial_Statement.pdf](#)).
- Annex 5.** INVASIVESNET 2021 Auditor's Report ([INVASIVESNET_2021_audit_statement.pdf](#)).
- Annex 6.** INVASIVESNET Media and Communications Working Group 2021 Report ([INVASIVESNET_MCWG_Report_2021.pdf](#)).
- Annex 7.** INVASIVESNET 2022 Action Plan ([INVASIVESNET_2022_Action_Plan.pdf](#)).
- Annex 8.** INVASIVESNET 2022 Financial Action Plan ([INVASIVESNET_2022_Financial_Action_Plan.pdf](#)).
- Annexes 2-8 are available at the INVASIVESNET website at https://invasivesnet.org/events-2022/2022_General_Meeting_Agenda.php

2. **Annex 2.** Minutes of the first INVASIVESNET 2022 Executive Committee meeting (available as a separate document [INVASIVESNET_2022_First_Executive_Meeting_Minutes.pdf](#))
3. **Annex 3.** Media and Communication Working Group 2022 Report (available as separate document [INVASIVESNET_MCWG_2022_Report.pdf](#))
4. **Annex 5.** Financial 2022 Report (available as a separate document [INVASIVESNET_2022_Financial_Statement](#))