



# International Association for Open Knowledge on Invasive Alien Species

## 2023 Action Plan

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#### 1. 2023 General Meeting of the Association.

The 2023 General Annual Meeting will be held on April 26, 2023, in Helsinki, Finland (by ZOOM).

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

#### 2. Meetings of the Executive Committee

The 2023 Executive Committee of INVASIVESNET will have following meetings:

2.1. First 2023 Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 26, 2023, 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 2023, we plan to improve further the publication services for members of INVASIVESNET and independent experts, in order to make their knowledge and data on invasive species freely available. Specifically, during 2023 we plan to publish at least 150 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) 2022 Report, in this current year 2023 the MCWG is planning to:

- 1) Develop and improve visual contents, in English and Spanish, for social media channels;
- 2) Develop interviews to be broadcast through the YouTube channel and social media;
- 3) Improve the INVASIVESNET website by developing new contents and specific sections promoting the results of previous INVASIVESNET grants;
- 4) Develop a strategy for receiving more donations, including dissemination of non-English content;

- 5) Promote new grants for supporting students in joining the INVASIVESNET association;
- 6) Support INVASIVESNET journals in promoting articles published through social media, and by developing advertising materials to encourage submissions;
- 7) INVASIVESNET newsletter and interaction with other IAS organisations to envisage a common newsletter on invasive alien species.

### **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.

## **4. Financial activities**

Financial activities of the Association in 2023 will focus on the involvement of new organizational and individual members, on receiving more donations and for supporting individual members with small research grants (Financial Action Plan is available in Annex 3).

### **List of Annexes**

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2. **Annex 2.** Agenda of the first INVASIVESNET 2023 Executive Committee meeting
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