



22ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

# SAVE THE DATES

April 18-22, 2022

Thermae Palace Hotel, Oostende, Belgium

## Global Climate Change Amplifies Aquatic Invasive Species Impacts

*Hybrid conference with in-person  
and live virtual components*

Co-hosted by:



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Netherlands Food and Consumer  
Product Safety Authority  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Nature and Food Quality

*The 22nd International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (ICAIS) is the most comprehensive international forum to address new and emerging issues and advance global action to limit the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) worldwide. ICAIS focusses on AIS research that pertains to species biology, risk assessment, prevention, management and control methods; ecosystem impacts and restoration; outreach initiatives; and policy related to protection of freshwater, marine and estuarine environments.*

*Topics to be addressed during ICAIS 2022 include:*

### Research

- Developments in methods for early detection and monitoring
- Assessment of risks to native biodiversity, ecosystems, ecosystem services, economies, and public health and safety
- Examine the resilience of ecosystems to biological invasions
- The role of climate change in accelerating the spread and effects of AIS

### Management and Innovation

- Integrated approaches to managing introductions and dispersal routes (pathways and vector management)
- Best practices and lessons learned from stakeholders in water and nature for AIS management
- EU Regulation (1143/2014) on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of AIS
- Collaborating against AIS across administrative jurisdictional boundaries
- Practitioners' experience and the knowledge gaps in AIS management
- Holistic ecosystem-oriented measures to reduce AIS impacts
- Innovations in prevention and management

### Featuring:

- Daily international keynote speakers
- In-person and virtual networking sessions
- Specialist workshops
- Panel discussions
- Programs specific to students and early career professionals

### Conference Co-Chairs

**Sarah Rang**, Executive Director, Invasive Species Centre  
**Prof. Dr. Maurice Hoffmann**, Administrator General, INBO  
**Prof. Dr. Antoon Opperhuizen**, Director, BuRO/NVWA

### Technical Program Committee Co-Chairs

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