



6th Croatian Symposium on Invasive Species – with international participation



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Organised by:

Croatian Ecological Society; Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb
Croatian Forest Research Institute; Public Institution “Priroda Grada Zagreba”

INVITATION

We continue with the main idea from the 1st Symposium (back in 2014.), to gather experts dealing with as many different aspects of invasive species as possible. The duration of the Symposium will be two days, and time of year remains the same as at previous Symposia, enabling presentation of the most recent collected data.

Thanks to all participants and members of the Scientific Committees in previous editions, we set up nice international environment. Altogether, in last five Symposia, there were almost 600 participants from 26 countries.

So far, ten outstanding experts enriched Symposia with excellent keynote talks: Ingolf Kühn; Franz Essl; Sven Bacher; Helen Roy; Rene Eschen; Elena Tricarico; Bruce Osborne; Luke Flory; Johanna Witzell; Denis Kutnjak, and we can promise you nothing less this year.

We cordially invite you to join us at yet another friendly and stimulating gathering, where we will exchange our knowledge and experience, with aim to contribute in dealing with alien invasive species.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

With great pleasure, we can announce esteemed keynote speakers:

- *Tim Adriaens* (Research Institute for Nature and Forest, BE)
- *Alberto Santini* (Institute for Sustainable Plant Protection, IT)

PRESENTATIONS

We invite you to submit your abstract for oral (one per participant) or poster (no limitation on number) presentation(s), on any topic dealing with invasive species. For details on abstract formatting and submission, please consult the Symposium web pages. <http://www.ekolosko-drustvo.hr/6CSIS.html>

Scientific Committee can propose change of preferred way of presentation indicated by the authors, in which case this will be discussed with the authors.

BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

Accepted abstracts will be published in the Book of Abstracts only if registration fee is payed until 31 October 2025. After that date, we cannot guarantee inclusion in the Book.

IMPORTANT DATES

14 September 2025	Abstract Submission Deadline
14 October 2025	Decision on Acceptance
31 October 2025	Deadline for Registration of participants with presentation(s)*
31 October 2025	End of lower Registration fee
24-25 November 2025	Symposium

*Even if you will participate without presentation You are mostly welcomed to register as early as possible to give us estimation on number of potential participants which will help us in the organisation of the Symposium

CONFERENCE FEE

	Early Bird (end on 31 October 2025)	Late (after 31 October 2025)
Regular participant	150 EUR	170 EUR
Students, Unemployed, Retired participants (certificate for the particular status is required)	120 EUR	140 EUR

Conference fee includes conference materials and refreshments during the coffee breaks. Registration (with option to book the accommodation in the Hotel Venue at the discount prices) and payment of the registration fee is via our partner Alpe-Adriatours (using link at the Symposium web page).

VENUE

Venue of the Symposium is the Hotel "Dubrovnik" in the very centre of Zagreb, on the main square, which is easily accessible by number of tram lines directly from the main train and bus terminal. Zagreb airport is connected with main bus terminal by shuttle which operates every half hour in peak times, or connected to flights in less crowded part of the days. Within walking distance, the Venue is surrounded with a wide array of possible places where you can eat from low budget to exclusive ones. We invite you to invade the heart of the city and explore it all (after the sessions, of course).

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On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am looking forward to host you in Zagreb on November 24-25, 2025.

Sven Jelaska