

Programme



VI International young
researchers Conference
on Invasive Species

Vigo

5-6 May, 2026



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TUESDAY 5th, MAY | MARTES 5, MAYO | MARTES 5, MAIO

Opening ceremony | Ceremonia de apertura | Cerimonia de inauguración

13:00 h	<i>Connetion time</i>	
13:05 h	Juan Pérez Fernández	Vice-Dean for Mobility, Internationalisation and External Internships – University of Vigo <i>Speech</i>
13:10 h	Luís González Rodríguez	University of Vigo <i>Speech</i>

Keynote I | Plenaria I | Relatorio I

13:15 h	Pablo González-Moreno	Plant invasions along roads: disentangling spread across environmental gradients in Mediterranean ecosystems -- <i>University of Córdoba, Spain</i>
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Oral communications | Comunicaciones orales | Comunicaci3ns orais

13:45 h	36 Aanchal Chaudhary	Investigating negative ecological impacts of <i>Apis mellifera</i> globally -- <i>Azim Premji University, India</i>
14:00 h	8 Manuele Massimino	Sex-specific predation of the non-native invasive American blue crab <i>Callinectes sapidus</i> on the Mediterranean mussel <i>Mytilus galloprovincialis</i> -- <i>Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Türkiye</i>
14:15 h	46 Loréna Boisseau	Assesing the impact of two invasive parakeets on urban soundscapes -- <i>Doñana Biological Station, CSIC, Spain</i>
14:30	Break Descanso Intermedio	
14:50 h	40 Aurora Forniti	Direct and indirect impacts of <i>Carpobrotus acinaciformis</i> invasion on dune ecosystems of Lazio, Italy -- <i>Roma Tre University, Italy</i>
15:05 h	39 Joan Amengual	Predation behavior and foraging disruption of honeybees by <i>Vespa orientalis</i> in southern Spain -- <i>University of the Balearic Islands, Spain</i>
15:20 h	22 Oluwadunsin Adekola	Using bioacoustics to assess the impact of evergreen invasive plants on bird communities in Wales, United Kingdom -- <i>Coventry University & University Centre Sparsholt, UK</i>
15:35 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	

15:55 h	6 Maria Silva	First insights into nematode infections in exotic freshwater chelonians in Portugal -- <i>MARE – Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre, Portugal</i>
16:10 h	42 Sharon Allen Dohle	Summer occurrence of the invasive jellyfish <i>Craspedacusta sowerbii</i> in Andean-Patagonian lakes: potential impacts on native food webs -- <i>Universidad Nacional del Comahue, CONICET, Argentina</i>
16:25 h	13 Daniela María Rio	Temperature-mediated competitive effects of invasive juvenile rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>) on puyen grande (<i>Galaxias platei</i>) growth -- <i>INIBIOMA, Argentina</i>
16:40 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	

Keynote II | Plenaria II | Relatorio II

17:00 h	Theresa Henke	Down the interdisciplinary rabbit hole - shifting from an ecological focus to exploring the human dimensions of biological invasions -- <i>EEZA-CSIC, Spain</i>
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17:30 h	24 Ruth Wright	Mainstream media drive online interest in UK invasive non-native species -- <i>University of Stirling, UK</i>
17:45 h	27 Mohamad Abdallah	Citizen science: fresh insights & new records on Hommayda (<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> L.) in Lebanon -- <i>Universit3 de Rouen Normandie, France</i>
18:00 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	
18:20 h	37 Kaneez Fatima	Industrial farming of edible insects in India: biogeographic trends, ecological risks and regulatory gaps -- <i>Azim Premji University, India</i>
18:35 h	38 Mohamad Abdallah	Climatic niche dynamics of South African introduced plants in France: conservatism or shifts? -- <i>Universit3 de Rouen Normandie, France</i>
18:50 h	47 Khaoula Khaya	Thermal response of the invasive brown alga <i>Sargassum muticum</i> under simulated marine heatwaves scenarios: insights from embryological to biochemical levels -- <i>University Chouaib Doukkali, Morocco</i>
19:05 h	59 Sergio Luna	Evaluating the transferability of different species distribution modeling algorithms across native and invasive ranges using virtual species -- <i>Universidad Aut3noma de Nuevo Le3n, M3xico</i>
19:20 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	

Poster communications | Comunicaciones en póster | Comunicacions en póster

19:40 h	50 Raashi Jain	Global economic impacts of the invasive common pigeon, <i>Columba livia</i> -- Azim Premji University, India
19:43 h	56 Debanjana Basu	Plant invasion and its effects on butterfly community composition in three distinct habitats -- Presidency University, India
19:46 h	26 Evelina Maziliauskaitė	Invasive American mink (<i>Neovison vison</i>) as a reservoir of <i>Trichinella spiralis</i> in Lithuania -- State Scientific Research Institute Nature Research Centre, Lithuania
19:49 h	23 Ella Ahti	Ecological and environmental changes caused by supplemental feeding of an invasive ungulate in Finland -- Natural Resources Institute Finland & University of Eastern Finland, Finland
19:52 h	21 Jessica Lombardo	Oxidative stress responses of the seagrass <i>Zostera noltii</i> exposed to the invasive macroalga <i>Batophora occidentalis</i> in S'Estany des Peix (Formentera, Balearic Islands) -- University of the Balearic Islands IUNICS, Spain
19:55 h	Questions Preguntas Preguntas	
20:00 h	28 Leonel Jeremías Viladrich	Is <i>Sus scrofa</i> a disperser of <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> ? Impacts on vegetation in agroecosystems of northeastern Argentine Patagonia -- Universidad Nacional de Rio Negro, Argentina
20:03 h	45 Lluís Salom-Vicens	Calcification response of <i>Halimeda incrassata</i> to elevated atmospheric CO ₂ -- University of the Balearic Islands, Spain

20:06 h	63 Antoni Gabriel Sánchez Mairata	From invader to sentinel: assessing the bioindicator potential of <i>Percon gibbesi</i> in Mediterranean coastal waters -- <i>University of the Balearic Islands & ICM-CSIC Barcelona, Spain</i>
20:09 h	19 Alejandra García-López	A genomic perspective on population density-dependent responses of the New Zealand mudsnail -- <i>University of Vigo, Spain</i>
20:12 h	Questions Preguntas Preguntas	
20:17 h	Closure 1st day Clausura 1^o día Peche 1^o día	

Keynote III | Plenaria III | Relatorio III

12:00 h	Flavio Marzialetti	Disentangling the complexity of invasion processes using Remote Sensing tools -- <i>University of Sassari & National Biodiversity Future Center (NBFC), Italy</i>
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12:30 h	17 Cristina Gonalves Lima	An invasion-fire cycle driven by <i>Acacia dealbata</i> in northern Portugal -- <i>Universidade do Porto, Portugal</i>
12:45 h	32 Antonio Garc3a-Mu1oz	Taxonomic and functional comparison of animal communities associated with anthropogenic marine debris in Madeira -- <i>MARE-Madeira, Portugal</i>
13:00 h	41 Isotta Zanettovich	Using ecoacoustics for the study of invasive species -- <i>Do1ana Biological Station (CSIC) & University of Turin, Spain and Italy</i>
13:15 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	

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13:35 h	43 Srikrishna Narasimhan	Evolution as a disruptor of invasive Argentine ant supercolonies -- <i>Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland</i>
13:50 h	44 Lamis Hadded	Pathways and early detection of non-indigenous species threatening a future Marine Protected Area in the central Mediterranean -- <i>Association Notre Grand Bleu & National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia, Tunisia</i>
14:05 h	60 Alessandro Nota	Mitogenome phylogeography of the tick <i>Dermacentor marginatus</i> . insights into the drivers and pathways of dispersal -- <i>University of Turin, Italy</i>
14:20 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	
14:40 h	33 Sofia Ruiz-Velasco	Are non-indigenous peracarids spreading in marinas of the southern Iberian Peninsula? Insights from using arborescent bryozoans as monitoring tools -- <i>Universidad de Sevilla, Spain</i>
14:55 h	12 Ra3l Mor3n-L3pez	Differing phylogeny & traits of ornamental woody plants across the invasion continuum -- <i>University of Seville, Spain</i>
15:10 h	35 Ricardo Cardona	Predicting invasion risk in ornamental plants: functional traits and human-aided drivers in Catalonia -- <i>University of Barcelona, Spain</i>
15:25 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	

Keynote IV | Plenaria IV | Relatorio IV

15:45 h	Noa Núñez-González	Beyond species recovery: restoring plant-herbivore interactions after <i>Carpobrotus</i> spp. removal -- <i>Universidade de Vigo, Spain</i>
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16:15 h	20 Nuno Mouta	Enhancing aquatic invasion detection: a multi-temporal spectral approach to monitoring <i>Pontederia crassipes</i> -- <i>Universidade do Porto, Portugal</i>
16:30 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	
16:50 h	18 Jazila El Jamaai	Estimating the economic burden of invasive alien species in Morocco: A potential \$1.14–\$5.13 billion annual threat -- <i>Abdelmalek Essaadi University, Morocco</i>
17:05 h	34 Elena Rocafull	Quantification of carbon stocks of invasive <i>Opuntia</i> species in Tenerife, Canary Islands -- <i>Universidad de La Laguna, Spain</i>
17:20 h	10 María del Milagro Torres	Effects of non-native willow removal in a multi-invaded riparian ecosystem from northwest Patagonia -- <i>Universidad Nacional del Comahue, Argentina</i>
17:35 h	Break Descanso Intermedio	

Poster communications | Comunicaciones en póster | Comunicacions en póster

17:55 h	53 Khushi Thakur	The exotic mammal trade is causing invasion concerns in India -- <i>Azim Premji University, India</i>
17:58 h	7 Tamara Kalashnikova	Invasive raccoon dog (<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>) as a definitive host of <i>Sarcocystis</i> species -- <i>The State Scientific Research Institute Nature Research Centre, Lithuania</i>
18:01 h	48 Pere Miquel Mir-Roselló	An overlooked invasion: the case of the moss <i>Campylopus introflexus</i> in the Balearic Islands -- <i>University of the Balearic Islands, Spain</i>
18:04 h	54 Miquel Rodríguez	Update on the alien flora of the Pityusic Islands -- <i>University of the Balearic Islands, Spain</i>
18:07 h	30 Ruymán David Cedrés-Perdomo	A tale of three invasive grasses: nested niches on oceanic islands reveal scale-dependent shifts in <i>Cenchrus setaceus</i> (Forssk.) Morrone, <i>Melinis repens</i> (Willd.) Zizka, and <i>Setaria parviflora</i> (Poir.) Kerguelen -- <i>University of La Laguna, Spain</i>
18:10 h	Questions Preguntas Preguntas	
18:15 h	4 Tatiana Catarrinho	Distribution of the Chinese mitten crab (<i>Eriocheir sinensis</i>) in the Tagus River basin -- <i>University of Évora, Portugal</i>
18:18 h	16 João Rato	Not just <i>Trachemys scripta</i> : new turtle introductions and nesting evidence in Portugal -- <i>MARE, ARNET, University of Évora & Universidade do Porto, Portugal</i>

18:21 h	51 Francisco Domingues Santos	Is the pacific oyster (<i>Magallana gigas</i>) invading northern Portugal? Early and concerning findings -- <i>University of Porto, Portugal</i>
18:24 h	62 Mariano Gabriel Santajuliana	Invasive exotic arthropods of northeastern Argentina: between national public policies and regional reality -- <i>CECOAL-CONICET-UNNE, Argentina</i>
18:27	Questions Preguntas Preguntas	
18:32 h	61 Suman Mallick	Trading beauty: an assessment of the ornamental fish trade in India through the lens of pet traders -- <i>Wildlife Institute of India, India</i>
18:35 h	31 Eya Guerbouj	Monitoring non-indigenous species hotspots: a baseline study from Monastir Bay, Tunisia -- <i>Association Notre Grand Bleu, Tunisia</i>
18:38 h	49 Amanda Cohen-Sánchez	Current distribution and abundance of the invasive crab <i>Percnon gibbesi</i> in the Balearic Islands: insights into 25 years since colonization -- <i>University of Balearic Islands-IUNICS, Spain</i>
18:41 h	57 Guillermo Santos	Projected expansion of the invasive fern <i>Cyrtomium falcatum</i> in the Canary Islands under cmip6 climate -- <i>Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain</i>
18:44 h	Questions Preguntas Preguntas	
18:49 h	5 Pedro Brandão	Behavioral learning and the effectiveness of angling as a control method for invasive predatory fish -- <i>MARE, ARNET & Universidade de Évora, Portugal</i>

18:52 h	9 Juan José García-Alvarado	Citizen science for invasion monitoring: insights from four years of Alien Bioblitz in the Canary Islands -- <i>Universidad de La Laguna, Spain</i>
18:55 h	52 Jesús Fernández-Gutiérrez	Spreading northwards and southwards, but in the end, spreading: range expansion of two non-indigenous sponges in southern European waters -- <i>CIIMAR/CIMAR LA, University of Porto & CBMA/ARNET, University of Minho, Portugal</i>
18:58 h	29 Gaspar Fuster Jimenez	Object Detection of the Invasive Species <i>Opuntia ficus-indica</i> from Google Street View Imagery -- <i>Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain</i>
19:01 h	15 Franco Bostal	Matrix population models as tools for feral horse management -- <i>Universidad Nacional del Sur, Argentina</i>
19:04 h	Questions Preguntas Preguntas	
19:09 h	Closure 2nd day Clausura 2^o día Peche 2^o día	
Manuel Joaquín Reigosa Roger Head of University of Vigo - <i>Speech</i>		
Scientific & Organising committee - <i>Speech</i>		

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