

TRAINING SCHOOL

**Making a difference in Invasion Biology:
Improving links between research, policy and practice**

ParrotNet invites you to attend a two day Training School



15–16
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Aix-Marseille University, Marseille, France

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This training school, comprising two full days, aims to bring together early career researchers, postgraduates and practitioners who work on invasion biology, and the policy-makers, decision-makers and government agencies who are tasked with defining and implementing policy on invasive alien species (IAS). This training school will assess the challenges of science-policy in IAS, and consider a range of techniques for improving the decision making process. By working together, we aim to enable participants to generate greater impact from their research on how it relates to IAS policy and practice.

Meet the trainers



Dr Cécilia Claeys
Sociologist, Associate professor
Population Environment Development
Laboratory

Environmental sociologist, Cécilia Claeys's research encompasses public policies, public perception and socio-technique controversies analyses. Through different topics (protected natural areas creation, uses and management, urban and suburban nature and invasive species management), her researches focuses on the relationship between environmental and social changes. To do so, she has developed interdisciplinary programs associating social sciences and natural sciences using original field studies, whilst examining theoretical underlying conflicting anthropocentrism and biocentrism heritages of these disciplines.



Sonia Vanderhoeven
Science officer
Belgian Biodiversity Platform
(DEMNA)

Sonia Vanderhoeven is a plant biologist specialized in evolutionary ecology. She is the coordinator of the Belgian Forum on Invasive Species and the national manager of the Harmonia database in Belgium. Sonia has been involved in research projects dedicated to assess the impacts of IAS on ecosystem properties and the evolutionary potential of exotic plant species. Working at the science-policy interface, she is now involved in the development and implementation of risk analysis protocols, reports and horizon scanning exercises. In the Belgian Biodiversity Platform, she has contributed to the development of the ISEIA and Harmonia+ protocols in order to assess the impacts of exotic species in the Belgian territory.

Dr Niall Moore
NNSS (Non-native species secretariat)
Head of Secretariat

Niall Moore has been the head of the GB Non-native Species Secretariat since it was established in March 2006. The Secretariat is based at the Animal and Plant Health Agency (an executive agency of Defra) in York but it reports to a GB Programme Board that co-ordinates policy and delivery on non-native species issues for GB. This central role means that the Secretariat works extensively at the policy, research and delivery interface. Prior to taking up his job at the Secretariat in 2006 Niall worked at several Defra agencies as a team leader leading on the ruddy duck and Hebridean mink eradication programmes. He has a PhD in Zoology from the National University of Ireland on fallow deer. Niall was also seconded to the European Commission for four months in 2012 during the development of the EU IAS Regulation during which time he worked mainly on species listing.



Tim Adriaens
Scientist
Research Institute for
Nature and Forest (INBO)

Tim Adriaens is a scientist at INBO. He coordinates invasive species activities throughout the scientific community. His expertise covers horizon scanning, risk assessment and risk management, cost-benefit analysis, IAS impacts and monitoring. Tim is accustomed to liaising with organizations and institutions in the field of invasive species research, management and policy and provides expertise and support in relation to invasive species management. Current invasion biology research topics include, among others, risk assessment, best management practices, eradication and control of invasive vertebrate populations, invasive weeds, invasive species recording through citizen science and management prioritisation.

Agenda

This is a provisional planning, slight changes may occur

15th
Nov

Morning

9:00 am: Welcome to the ParrotNet training school

9:30 am: Sonia Vanderhoeven & Tim Adriaens “*Matching supply with demand for IAS knowledge: a participatory exercise*” Session 1

11.00 am: Coffee break

11.30 am: Sonia Vanderhoeven & Tim Adriaens “*Matching supply with demand for IAS knowledge: a participatory exercise*” Session 2

13.00pm: Lunch

Afternoon

14:00 pm: Field trip (more information soon!)

16th
Nov

Morning

09:00 am: Dr Niall Moore “*How we assess IAS risks in the UK (and present them to Ministers)*”

10:00 am: Workshop/Practical session

11:00 am: Coffee break

11.30 am: Poster Session

13:30 pm: Lunch

Afternoon

14:30 pm: Dr Cécilia Claeys “*Sociological perspective on Biological invasions: experience, feedback and interdisciplinary perspectives*”

15.30 pm: Workshop/Practical session

16:30 pm: End of workshop / farewells

Dates and logistics:

The Training School will take place in the city of Marseille, in France, in the university campus of Saint Charles, the 15th and 16th November, 2016.

The maximum number of attendees is **20**.

To register your expression of interest, please send an e-mail to marine.le-louarn@univ-amu.fr by **30 September 2016**. Successful participants will be notified shortly after.

Funding:

Participation is free of charge but participants will need to cover travelling and accommodation cost.

ParrotNet has small grants available for participants of EUR 200. Full details on how to apply will be provided with confirmation of your place on the training school.

Deadline for expressions of interest: 30 September 2016.

And do not forget: enjoy the opportunity of a planned poster session to present your work!

ParrotNet and the organisers look forward to seeing you!

