



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

International Symposium on Invasive Species Challenges for Agriculture and Biodiversity

📍 Belgrade, Serbia

📅 November 5–6, 2026

The **Institute for Plant Protection and Environment**, in cooperation with the **Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia**, is pleased to announce the **International Symposium on Invasive Species: Challenges for Agriculture and Biodiversity**, which will be held on **November 5–6, 2026**, at **Hotel Royal Inn, Belgrade, Serbia**.

The aim of the symposium is to provide a platform for the **exchange of scientific and professional knowledge, experiences, and examples of good practice in the field of invasive species management**, as well as to strengthen **regional and international cooperation**.

The symposium will address **invasive species in agriculture, forestry, and the environment**, focusing on current challenges, monitoring systems, risk assessment, and management strategies.

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Symposium Topics

Section I



Legislation and Current Status of Invasive Species in the EU, Russia and the Region – Importance of International Organizations and Cross-Border Cooperation

- legislative framework and regulations
- current status and spread trends
- role of international organizations
- examples of good practice

Section II

Invasive Species in Agriculture and Forestry and the Role of administrative measures

- phytosanitary measures and plant quarantine
- economic impact of invasive species
- early detection and rapid response systems
- modern monitoring methods

Section III

Presentation of Research Projects (Science Fund and Other Projects)

- results of ongoing and completed projects
- knowledge transfer and practical implementation of research results

Section IV

Invasive Species and Their Impact on Biodiversity

- ecological consequences of invasive species spread
- threatened native species and habitats
- ecosystem protection and restoration measures

Section V

Invasive Species and Climate Change

- effects of climate change on the spread of invasive species
- risk prediction models
- adaptive management strategies

Round Table Discussions

Round Table I

The Importance of Regional Cooperation in Preventing the Spread of Invasive Species

- cross-border cooperation
- exchange of data and experience
- joint prevention and management strategies

Round Table II

Monitoring Invasive Species and Connecting the Scientific Community and Stakeholders

- national and regional monitoring systems
- digital platforms and databases
- involvement of policy-makers, professionals and the public

Presentations



Invited experts will deliver **keynote lectures**, while other contributions will be presented as **oral presentations or posters**, based on the decision of the Scientific Committee after the review of submitted abstracts.

The **official language of the symposium is English**. All accepted abstracts will be published in the **Book of Abstracts (electronic and printed edition)**.

Abstract Submission

 **Deadline for abstract submission:**

June 1, 2026

Abstracts should be sent to:

 **marisavljevicd@yahoo.com**

Please indicate in the subject line:

“For the Symposium”

Registration Fee

Participants from Serbia: **10,000 RSD**

International participants: **90 EUR**

The registration fee includes:

- symposium materials
- lunches
- coffee breaks

Information about the **payment procedure will be provided later**.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at **Hotel Royal Inn**

 <https://royalinn.rs/?lang=sr>

Single room: **95 € per night**

Double room: **100 € per night**

City tax: **1.37 € per person per night**

The number of rooms is limited. Accommodation should be booked **directly with the hotel**, indicating that you are a **symposium participant**.

Gala Dinner

The **Gala Dinner** will be organized on **November 6, 2026**.

Information about the venue and additional details will be announced later.

We invite **scientists, researchers, representatives of institutions, policy-makers, and professionals** to participate and contribute to discussions on one of the **key challenges of modern agriculture, forestry, and biodiversity conservation**.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Symposium!

Sincerely,

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