

17th International Conference

**Ecology & Management of
Alien Plant Invasions**

2-5 September 2025

Lincoln University, New Zealand



SPONSORSHIP PROSPECTUS



1. INTRODUCTION



On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, it is with great pleasure to welcome you to the 17th International Conference on the Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions (EMAPI) and invite you to participate in this event as an active supporter.

EMAPI is the premier international conference on plant invasions. The EMAPI Conferences have a long history and have been held at different locations around the world approximately every two years since 1992. Countries that have hosted EMAPI conferences include UK, Czech Republic, USA, Germany, Italy, Poland, Australia, South Africa, Hungary, Brazil, Portugal and Chile. This is the first time an EMAPI conference has been held in New Zealand and this represents a rare opportunity to engage with leading global and national research in the management of invasive plants.

Your involvement as a sponsor with staff representation at the conference helps ensure the global community of researchers and practitioners addressing the worldwide problem of plant invasions come together to share the latest research, address current challenges and to support early career scientists.

This prospectus outlines several levels of involvement to fit your budget and reasons for being involved. If there are other ways in which you would like to participate, then please contact us.

We look forward to seeing you in Lincoln.

Professor Philip Hulme

On behalf of the EMAPI2025 Organizing Committee

2. LOCATION



The 17th International Conference on the Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions will be held at Lincoln University, New Zealand between the 2nd and 5th September 2025.

Lincoln University Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki was founded in 1878 and is the oldest agricultural teaching institution in the Southern Hemisphere. Its purpose is to facilitate excellent research and education to grow the knowledge of its students and help shape a world that benefits from a greater understanding of the relationships between land, food and ecosystems.

Lincoln University is a leading institution in plant and environmental sciences. With a commitment to sustainability and ecological innovation, Lincoln University provides a strong foundation for advancing plant science and conservation efforts. Its proximity to various natural landscapes enhances the practical and research opportunities available to the academic community.

3. SCOPE

The 17th International Conference on the Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions will be held at Lincoln University, New Zealand.

Our conference theme “From Ecology to Action: Innovative Solutions for Plant Invasion Management” captures the need for the science of plant invasions to deliver solutions. New Zealand is an ideal setting to illustrate the way forward in terms of invasive plant management through biological control, community initiatives, and long-term national programmes.

EMAPI 2025 Conference Themes

- Risk assessment tools for invasion, impact and response
- Management of invasive plants in protected areas
- Role of communities and citizens in plant invasions
- Impacts of invasive plants on ecosystem services
- Threat of plant invasions on islands
- Climate change and plant invasions
- Biocontrol of environmental weeds
- Managing pathways of plant invasions

Our conference will be the stimulus for a memorable networking event that will bring together leading researchers and practitioners to forge new insights into alien plant management. This is the first time an EMAPI conference has been held in New Zealand, and this represents a rare opportunity to engage with leading global and national research in the management of invasive plants.

4. SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Sponsoring the EMAPI 2025 Conference presents an opportunity for you to highlight your commitment and support to addressing the threat to the environment and economy arising from plant invasions. It offers your organisation:

- Marketing opportunities and exposure during entire conference.
- Access to influential and engaged delegates.
- The chance to unlock and share knowledge.
- The opportunity to support attendance of researchers and practitioners from throughout NZ and the globe.

Choose from a range of value-packed packages designed to put your brand, products, or services in the spotlight. If you have a sponsorship suggestion that is not included in one of these packages, please contact us.

5. PLENARY SPEAKERS

Julie Coetzee is the Deputy Director of the Centre for Biological Control and a Principal Scientist at the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity. Her expertise lies in the ecology and management of freshwater



invasive species, with a focus on the biological control of invasive macrophytes. Her research centres around the relationships between aquatic invasive plants and their natural enemies, in the broader context of freshwater ecosystem dynamics. By introducing these natural enemies to target invasive species, her team aims to reduce reliance on harmful chemical pesticides. Julie's commitment extends beyond scientific research. She actively collaborates with local communities, empowering them to participate in nature-based solutions. By engaging with local stakeholders, she ensures that biological control strategies are socially just, and environmentally sustainable. This holistic approach fosters community ownership and long-term success in managing invasive species. Through her work and dedication to

community engagement, Julie aims to shape a future where biological control plays a vital role in preserving aquatic ecosystems and promoting sustainable practices.

Curt Daehler studies the ecology and impacts of invasive plants, particularly on islands. He and his students address conceptual and applied questions in invasion biology, in contexts of both population and community ecology. He has helped develop risk assessments for invasive plants and predictive tools based on statistics and modeling. Recent work examines and implements approaches to early detection of invasive plant introductions. For over a decade he served as editor of *Pacific Science*, a journal emphasizing conservation and biogeography of the Pacific region, while also contributing to international collaborations focused on understanding patterns and trends in invasions, such as the Mountain Invasion Research Network (MIREN). He is currently involved in research at the intersection of invasive species and climate change, serving on the science advisory team for the Pacific Regional Invasive



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Kate McAlpine is a science advisor at the New Zealand Department of Conservation (DOC), with more than 23 years of experience researching environmental weeds. Kate earned her PhD in ecology from Victoria University of Wellington, where she studied the factors contributing to invasion success of Darwin's barberry (*Berberis darwinii*). Since then, Kate has studied a broad range of environmental weed issues, such as the impacts of weeds on native seedling recruitment, seed dispersal and seedling shade tolerance of weeds, native plant responses to weed control, native succession in woody weed stands, and native species as weeds. In 2024, Kate led the update of the list of environmental weeds in New Zealand, adding 112 new species. Currently, Kate is leading a team to develop a digital 'Smart Weed Alert Tool' that will improve our ability to detect new weed incursions early. Kate also represents DOC on



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Duane Peltzer is a principal scientist (ecosystem ecology) at Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research. Duane is an invasion ecologist by necessity: consideration of introduced species, invasion ecology and management



are often required to understand ecosystem processes and properties in New Zealand. Most research is in highly collaborative teams designed to understand ecological or ecosystem complexity that can be applied to large scale conservation issues. These include the ecology and management of tree invasions; the ecological impacts and legacies of weeds; and the role of introduced animals in indigenous forests. Duane has also provided science leadership for collective approaches to applied science, such as New Zealand's Biological Heritage National Science Challenge (2014-2024). A common goal of Duane's work is to make new scientific knowledge accessible for decision makers, landowners and managers to ultimately improve biodiversity or biosecurity outcomes in practice.

Anibal Pauchard is a Professor at the Faculty of Forest Sciences in the University of Concepción, Chile and Director of the Institute of Ecology and Biodiversity (IEB). He was also a founding Director of the Laboratory of Biological Invasions (LIB) and co-founder of the Mountain Invasion Research Network (MIREN). His research is focused on the ecology of biological invasions and their impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem functions. His collaborators and him have been looking at invasion processes from local to large intercontinental scales. Anibal is also interested in the conservation of natural areas and how biodiversity should be conserved across the whole anthropogenic gradient from protected areas to urban environments. In recent years, he has been increasingly interested on environmental policy and how conservation can be move to real action. Anibal has published over 170 indexed publications, more than 10 book chapters and three books. He is an associated editor in several journals including *Biological Invasions* and *Conservation Letters*. Anibal has received several national and international awards including the 2018 Cooper Award by the Ecological Society of America (ESA). He has served as a Lead Author for the IPBES Regional Assessment of the Americas and as co-chair of the IPBES invasive species assessment.



Montserrat Vilà is research professor at the Doñana Biological Station (EBD-CSIC) in Sevilla (Spain). Her research focus on the impacts of plant invaders and their interaction with global change. This research encompasses extensive field surveys and experiments, as well as the construction and analysis of large datasets from many regions of the world. On the applied side, she is involved in the development and use of invasion risk assessments to support policy makers and managers. She is member of the Scientific Forum of the European Regulation on Alien Invasive Species, the IUCN SSC Invasive Species Group, and the EICAT-IUCN Authority. She has been president of the European Working Group on Biological Invasions (NEOBIOITA) for ten years. She has published more than 225 SCI papers, edited several books, and regularly produces outreach material on biological invasions.



6. SYMPOSIA

In addition to a diversity of talks and posters, EMAPI 2025 features three Symposia addressing topical issues in the ecology and management of invasive alien plants. These symposia bring leader national and international experts together to share knowledge regarding these significant issues.

Consequences of Environmental Change for Plant Invasions

New Directions in Invasive Plant Management

Wilding Pines Current Problems and Future Solutions

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- 3m x 1.5m space only, a standard trestle table, table cloth and 2 chairs will be provided.

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