



## **Workshop on minimising the impacts of invasive alien plants in horticulture: preventing future invasions**

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Council of Europe  
International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)  
Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock, Turkey  
East and South European Network for Invasive Alien Species  
(ESENIAS)

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Many of the plants used in European horticulture are not native to the continent and have been introduced due to their florist elegance. A small proportion of these plants have the ability to spread and eventually become invasive alien species which then threaten native biodiversity and cost economies huge resources in control and management efforts. Although it is difficult to predict which species may become invasive alien species, those that are often share similar characteristics: rapid growth and reproduction, ability to colonise disturbed ground, short life-cycles and the production of large quantities of fruits and seeds.

The EPPO Panel on Invasive Alien Plants will meet for its annual meeting between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at the Horticulture Expo in Antalya (Turkey). Since 2002, EPPO has worked specifically on IAPs with a focus on disseminating information on IAPs throughout the region; recommending measures to prevent the introduction and spread of IAPs along with recommendations on measures to control IAPs already present in the region. EPPO achieves this by working with a network of leading scientific experts that form the EPPO Panel on Invasive Alien Plants. The Panel includes experts in botany, risk mapping, risk assessment, biodiversity, ecology, ecological impact, invasive plant management and experts in plant health regulation.

Host institutions are Duzce University and Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey. Duzce University, especially Faculty of Agriculture and Nature Sciences, has focused on invasive alien species. Ministry of Agriculture is the main one among ministries that involve invasive alien species via research, policy and implementation. ESENIAS (East and South European Network on Invasive Alien Species) is an organization has activities on IAS such as research, awareness creating, implementation and policy support in mainly Balkans and surrounding geographies since 2010. Council of Europe is one of the pioneer organizations on invasive alien plants activities. AIPH (International Association on Horticulture Producers) which is a leading organization for horticulture production has involved invasive alien plants activities to be able to support the sustainability of the sector.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016, a one day workshop has been organised where EPPO and members of the Panel on Invasive Alien Plants will give a number of presentations on invasive alien plants; including case studies and current tools which can be used to prioritise invasive alien plants based on their potential impacts.

In the afternoon of the workshop, all participants will be involved in a brainstorming session with the aim to identifying gaps in the current research and key questions that should be asked to forward development. The aim is to identify 10 key 'questions' which would then form the basis of a manuscript to be published in the EPPO Bulletin.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> June, participants have the opportunity to attend part of the Panel meeting on Invasive Alien Plants and in the afternoon a field trip will be organised to nearby agricultural fields with an invasive plant which has become a dominating weed. If time allows we will visit another site with invasive alien plants.

<b>31<sup>st</sup> May 2016</b>		
<b>1. Welcome and introductions</b>		
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome from hosts	tbc
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome from EPPO on behalf of organisers	Mr Ward
<b>2. Case studies and tools for predicting evaluating and mitigating invasive alien plants in horticulture</b>		
Chair - tbc		
09:30 – 09:50	ESENIAS Network and invasive alien plants	tbc
09:50 – 10:10	Invasive alien plants in Turkey with particular reference to horticulture	Ms Arslan
10:10 – 10:30	Aquatic invasive alien plants	Mr van Valkenburg
10:30 – 10:50	Warning lists of invasive alien species	Mr Starfinger
10:50 – 11:10	Trade presentation	Mr Briercliffe
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee break	
11:30 – 11:50	The EPPO Prioritization Process: updates and opportunities	Mr Tanner
11:50 – 12:10	The horticulture Code of Conduct	Mr Uludag
12:10 – 12:30	Legislation on IAS and the ornamental horticulture supply chain	Mr Brundu
12:30 – 12:50	Ornamental plants as weeds in agriculture	Mr Follak
12:50 – 14:00	Lunch	
<b>Afternoon</b>		
<b>3. Brain storming sessions</b>		
Chair – tbc		
14:00 – 15:00	Identify gaps and questions in invasive plants in horticulture	
15:00 – 16:00	Prioritization of questions to take forward	
16:00 – 17:30	Discussion	
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap-up	
18:00	Close	

<b>1<sup>st</sup> June 2016</b>		
<b>Meeting of the Panel on Invasive Alien Plants</b>		
09:00 – 13:00	Panel meeting	
14:00 – 18:00	Field trip	