

## SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSAL

Thank you for your interest in hosting a special session at SEFS12, 25<sup>th</sup> –30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The deadline for special session proposal submission is 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Scientific Committee will review the session proposals and confirm sessions early December to enable opening of abstract submission on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. As session host you will be required to review abstracts submitted to your session and organise chairpersons.

## SESSION PROPOSER

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## SESSION TITLE:

MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES IN FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS

## SESSION HOSTS/Co-Hosts

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## Overall goal/Objectives of the session:

The Session objectives: i) knowledge acquisition on freshwater alien and invasive species in the past, in the present and in the future, ii) understand their multi–faceted impacts involving also policy decisions, and iii) identify gaps, needs and potential mitigation actions.

**Abstract:** max. 100 words

Environmental global modifications, pollution and introduction of Alien Species (AS) are threatening biodiversity. To halt the introduction and spread of AS researchers launched a huge amount of interdisciplinary projects while politicians enacted a great number of laws at local and global level to regulate human behavior and to fill the gaps of human unawareness and knowledge. Recently, Citizens Science became crucial to maximize the number of people involved in the geo-localization of AS to covering entire territories with previously missing information. This is a proposal for large-scale contributions to better understand, predict and address the environmental problems AS pose.

**Planned output / Deliverables:**

The contributions, both oral or poster if positively judged, will be published on a Special Issue of the Journal Aquatic Invasions.