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MESSAGES FROM ECSA / ECSA EVENTS

Charles Boyden fund for Small Grants – apply by 1 May 2026

The **1st May 2026** is the deadline to submit your application for the **Charles Boyden fund for Small Grants**.

Dr Charles R. Boyden (1946-1979) was an excellent estuarine chemist whose life was tragically cut short. He was a founder member of ECSA and made great efforts to promote it internationally. The ECSA small grants are awarded in honour of his name.

The Charles Boyden fund awards Small Grants ranging from £150 to £500 to ECSA members who are postgraduate students or early career researchers, to support their research or participate to an academic conference, training course or workshop. For additional details and to apply, please visit <https://ecsa.international/grants-and-awards/charles-boyden-fund-small-grants>.

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ECSA 61: Abstract submission closing soon!



The abstract submission for the ECSA61 international conference will close soon, on the **6th March 2026**. Don't miss this opportunity to share your recent findings in all aspects of coastal and estuarine sciences at a vibrant event bringing together a global multi-disciplinary community of researchers and professionals!

Oral and poster abstracts are invited on a wide range of topics, special sessions and workshops – see full list at <https://www.estuarinecoastalconference.com/>

Early bird and Author registrations are also open and will **close on 29 May 2026** – register at <https://www.estuarinecoastalconference.com/conference-register.html>

ECSA 61 is organised by ECSA and Elsevier. For more information and future updates please visit <https://www.estuarinecoastalconference.com/>

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ECSA Focus meeting 'Advances on the Coasts and Estuaries of Eastern Scotland'

In May 2026 ECSA will once again be running one of its popular Focus Meetings. This will focus on the **Coasts and Estuaries of Eastern Scotland**. The meeting will cover a wide range of topics ranging from novel science to restoration, pollution control, nature conservation, recreation and the activities of local special interest groups. The

informal atmosphere of the Focus Meetings provides an ideal opportunity for students and early career scientists to present their work.

ECSA Focus meeting 'Advances on the Coasts and Estuaries of Eastern Scotland'

Dates: 11-13 May 2026.

Venue: Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh.

If you are interested in contributing a paper or poster, or just attending the meeting, please contact the following for further information: Andrew Wither awith@noc.ac.uk, Professor Teresa Fernandes T.Fernandes@hw.ac.uk

The booking form with details on delegate fees is available in the ECSA website, at <https://ecsa.international/event/2026/ecsa-focus-meeting-advances-coasts-and-estuaries-eastern-scotland>

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ECSA Files! upcoming webinars March 2026

The next ECSA Files! webinar is on **Thursday 5 March at 13:00 GMT**. The talk will be given by **Angela Gall** (Natural England) on '**Maerl momentum: How new evidence is leading to collaborative action**'. Here is the [Microsoft Teams link](#) to join the webinar (Meeting ID: 381 808 031 068 7; Passcode: Rx7PV6WB)

Further webinars have been scheduled at the same time on **26 March (Keryn Gedan, George Washington University)** and **7 May (Steven Pennings, University of Houston, on Using long-term data to determine controls on *Spartina alterniflora* productivity in Georgia USA)**.

We still have availability for webinars later this year. If you would like to give a talk please do get in touch.

Updates on upcoming webinars are also available at <https://ecsa.international/events/ecsa-files-webinars>. You can also catchup with previous webinars (video recordings) on the [Past ECSA Files webinars](#) page.

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OTHER FEATURES/EVENTS OF INTEREST

ReMeMaRe 2026 'Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats'



Restoring Meadow, Marsh, and Reef (ReMeMaRe) Conference 2026

The [7th Restoring Meadow Marsh and Reef Conference 2026](https://ecsa.international/rememare/restoring-meadow-marsh-and-reef-rememare) will be taking place in Scarborough, UK on 8-9th July. The conference will unite restoration practitioners, government leaders, industry innovators, academia and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) under a single mission: the large-scale recovery of our coastal and marine environments. Join us to share knowledge, spark new partnerships, and grow the momentum and action to restore our estuaries and seas. The conference provides an energetic space to discuss and exchange knowledge with those at the forefront of the latest developments in coastal restoration science, practice and policy.

The [call for abstracts for poster and talk presentations](https://ecsa.international/rememare/restoring-meadow-marsh-and-reef-rememare) is now OPEN (deadline 27 March 2026) <https://ecsa.international/rememare/restoring-meadow-marsh-and-reef-rememare>

Find more information in the ECSA website about the [ReMeMaRe 2026 conference](https://ecsa.international/rememare/rememare-conferences-and-events) (<https://ecsa.international/rememare/rememare-conferences-and-events>) and the [ReMeMaRe habitat restoration initiative](https://ecsa.international/rememare/restoring-meadow-marsh-and-reef-rememare) (<https://ecsa.international/rememare/restoring-meadow-marsh-and-reef-rememare>).

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New GuardIAS MOOC: Free Course on Invasive Species Prevention

The EU-funded [GuardIAS](https://guardias.eu/) project (<https://guardias.eu/>) has announced the launch of its first free Massive Online Open Course (MOOC), focusing on the **prevention of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in European waters**. This course is the first of five aimed at professionals, students, and anyone interested in protecting our aquatic ecosystems.



This first course, “**IAS Prevention**”, offers a comprehensive introduction to the critical issue of bioinvasions. It is designed for professionals, academics, and students in fields such as environmental management, conservation, and aquatic sciences.

This is a great opportunity for your networks to deepen their understanding, develop practical new skills, and earn a certificate in a vital area of environmental protection.

Key Details:

- **What:** Free online course on Invasive Alien Species Prevention.
- **Who:** Environmental managers, protected area staff, consultants, educators, and students. .
- **Action:** Enrol for free and help protect our aquatic ecosystems: <https://www.ecmunipv.it/course/view.php?id=105>

Find more information about this course at <https://guardias.eu/guardias-project-launches-free-online-course-to-tackle-invasive-aquatic-species/> .

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Other Upcoming Events

GES4SEAS Summer School, 2-4 June 2026 | Pasaia, Spain

The 2026 GES4SEAS summer school will focus on “**Cumulative effects of multiple human pressures at sea and their impacts on ecosystem components: a practical application for environmental status assessment**”. It is focused in Tikta, the tool developed in the project to assess the cumulative effects of pressures, as well as to assess the environmental status at sea. This software allows responding to several European directives, and could be a good tool for scientists, experts in the MSFD or Habitats Directive, experts from Regional Seas Conventions, consultants interested in assessing the status of the sea, etc. The school will take place at the premises of AZTI, in Pasaia, very close to San Sebastián. The registration is free, and coffees and lunches are included for free. Since the course is practical, there is a limit in the number of participants (30), and a letter of interest is requested to select the participants, in case that the applications were higher than seats. Hence, if you are interested in participating, hurry up and register here: https://www.azti.es/en/events/summer-school-2026/?goal=0_951b810a13-32066fbaab-337666087

GuardIAS eDNA Summer School, 25 June – 7 July 2026 | Bodø, Norway

The theme of the Summer School is “**Guarding Aquatic Ecosystems against Invasive Alien Species using eDNA**”. The GuardIAS Summer School 2026 is an intensive training programme focused on the surveillance of aquatic invasive species using environmental DNA (eDNA). The summer school combines lectures, hands-on sessions, and applied case studies to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of eDNA-based monitoring, from sampling design and laboratory workflows to bioinformatics analysis, data validation, and integration into management and policy frameworks.

The summer school will take place at the premises of Nord University, Bodø, Norway, from the 29th of June to the 3rd of July. Additionally, an introductory online session will take place on the 25th of June, and a closing online session will take place on the 7th of July (see summer school agenda for more details). Attendance to all the online and in person sessions is mandatory for all successful applicants. The course covers 3 ECTS issued by Nord University upon successful completion of the course.

For more information, please see <https://guardias.eu/welcome-to-the-guardias-summer-school-2026/>.

BRIDGE Training Course, 21-24 September 2026 | Edgewater, Maryland USA

BRIDGE (Bioinvasion Research Integration across Dynamic Global Ecosystems) is a Marine Bioinvasions Network of Networks, funded by U.S. National Science Foundation AccelNet, hosted by the Smithsonian Institution. It has organised a training course on “**Detecting Invasion Patterns Resolving Marine Invasion Extent at Scale**”, to be held at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC), Edgewater, Maryland USA. The course is addressed to

people actively working in marine invasions, including graduate students, post-docs, technicians, and scientists. Preference to members/participants of a BRIDGE collaborating network. Applications are due by **13th March 2026**. For more information and to apply, see [BRIDGE Training: Detecting Invasion Patterns, September 21-24, 2026, Edgewater, MD, USA \(Page 1 of 6\)](#)

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FELLOWSHIPS/JOB POSITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Job Vacancies



Fisheries Analyst | Oceana

Location: Fully Remote in Halifax, NS or Vancouver, BC, Canada

Closing date for applications: **6 March 2026, 17:00 ET**

Contract details: Temporary fixed-term contract (April-December 2026)

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Marine Sustainability Adviser – Benthic | NatureScot

Location: Any NatureScot office (Scotland), home and hybrid working considered

Closing date for applications: **9 March 2026**

Contract details: Fixed term for 3 years until 31 March 2029

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SCAMP ‘Innovation in Restoration’ Project Officer | Solway Firth Partnership

Location: Scotland, UK

Closing date for applications: **13 March 2026, 17:00 GMT**

Contract details: Full-time; 4 year fixed term with a further 5 years likely

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Principal and Senior Marine Environmental Consultants | ABPmer

Location: Southampton, UK / hybrid working (some travel required)

Closing date for applications: **13 March 2026**

Contract details: Permanent

Link: Senior consultant position -click [here](#); Principal consultant position – click

[here](#)



Emerging Scientist Scholarship | BirdLife International

Location: Cambridge, UK (hybrid working, min. one day per week in Cambridge)

Closing date for applications: **13 March 2026, 23:59 GMT**

Contract details: Fixed term, 12 months; Full time

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Scientific Officer | Cornwall IFCA

Location: Hayle, UK / hybrid working (some travel required)

Closing date for applications: **17 March 2026, 23:59 GMT**

Contract details: Fixed term maternity cover – 12 months; Full-time

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Fiji Technical Advisor | BirdLife International

Location: Suva, Fiji

Closing date for applications: **20 March 2026, 23:59 GMT**

Contract details: Fixed term, 3 years; Full time

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