



Newsletter | December 2022

Dear ICA Member,

Hello and welcome to the ICA quarterly Newsletter.

This Newsletter aims to make sure you don't miss any important information about the ICA initiatives, past and future events and other important calls and announcements.

Kind regards,

ICA Secretariat

PAST EVENTS & INITIATIVES

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19 October

ICA General Assembly

The [ICA General Assembly](#) held at Vytautas Magnus university (VMU), Lithuania was open to all the staff and students from ICA Member Institutions.

The delegates and other participants had an opportunity to hear the [Report of the ICA President for 2022](#) as well as the [reports from ICA Standing Committees](#) [AGRIMBA](#), [AGRINATURA](#), [CASEE](#) and [IROICA](#), and also other regular issues has been discussed during the GA.



20-21 October

ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2022

The [12th Rectors and Deans forum](#) this year was held at the Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy, Lithuania.

The forum focus on two topics "[Bending the Curve for Biodiversity: challenges and opportunities for life science universities](#)" & "[Life science universities addressing Knowledge Security](#)".

The full programme, speakers' presentations, and bios can be found [here](#).





October 19

ICA COMMUNIQUÉ to leaders at the UN BIODIVERSITY conference (COP 15) December 2022

During the ICA General assembly and Rectors and Deans forum it has been agreed on ICA

Communiqué to the Leaders at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15) in Montreal, Canada **addressing the urgent need to bend the curve of biodiversity loss.**

ICA members pledge to political leaders, societal influencers, businesses, and the public placing biodiversity conservation, restoration, and enhancement together with climate neutrality and sustainable food production at the center of learning and research, in collaboration with societal partners, and university campus operations. Read the full Communiqué [here](#).



20 October

ICA Excellence Award 2023

This is the first year that ICA has been awarded an ICA Excellence Award. The purpose is for ICA to recognize individuals who have achieved excellence in furthering the values and mission of ICA.

ICA Excellence Award winner is **Professor Dr hab. Marek Stefan Szyndel** from Warsaw University of Life Sciences.

Read prof. dr hab. Marek Stefan Szyndel citation [here](#)





The reports of the ICA Education Colloquia held in May 2022

19-20 May

ICA Network for Innovation in Life Sciences Higher Education (ICA-Edu)

The Colloquium "[Explored the opportunities and challenges of mainstreaming blended learning in Life Sciences Higher Education: through institutional, student and lecturer perspectives](#)".

Read the full report [here](#).

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ICA Community of Practice for Bioeconomy Education (ICA CoP Bio-Edu)

The Colloquium addressed "[Interdisciplinary Education for the Bioeconomy: embedding the mindset of the bioeconomy in the curricula of Bachelor degree programmes](#)".

Read the full report [here](#).

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ICA Biodiversity Challenge

At the 12th ICA Rectors and Deans Forum in October 2022 focusing on [Bending the Curve for Biodiversity: challenges and opportunities for life science universities](#) an important [communiqué was published](#), in which ICA members pledge to put biodiversity conservation at the heart of their activities. In this proposal we put forward an activity for all ICA members that is fun, brings people (our staff and students) together, and sparks engagement with biodiversity, particularly relating to this part of the pledge:

“We will engage to protect and enhance the biodiversity of our own life science university grounds, campuses and other estates, for them to become enlightening examples and teaching tools for biodiversity-based development.”

In close cooperation with the ICA Secretariate Wageningen University & Research is offering to take up the organisation of the ICA Biodiversity Challenge.

The deadline for applications is 31 January

Send your applications to biodiversity@wur.nl

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Webinar 2023 | Enhancing Student Engagement in the Life Sciences

Using granular data sets to improve student retention, progression and outcomes and to address awarding gaps

The Webinar will be held on 17 January 2023 from 13.00 to 14.00 CET

This webinar will outline some of the challenges associated with teaching large and diverse cohorts of undergraduate science students and showcase a range of practical ideas for encouraging and engaging with such students.

The session will show how data analytics can be used to purposefully design strategies to target often scarce resources at specific student cohorts to tackle disparity in achievement of the desired learning outcomes within the student body.

There is **no registration fee!**

More information and registration [here](#)

[Read more and register](#)



26th Annual IROICA Conference on 14-16 June 2023 & 12-13 June 2023 (BOKU Vienna, pre-conference)

SAVE THE DATES:

12-13 June 2023: Pre-conference at BOKU Vienna [“Greening mobility”](#)

14-16 June 2023: Conference at MCI Innsbruck [“Sustainability and Internationalisation? Yes, we can. Can we?”](#)

Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Participants who intend to follow both the pre-conference and conference in June 2023, as well as an online part before the conference, could be eligible for funding via the BIP organised by IROICA.

The full programme & registration link will follow soon.

Follow IROICA website for more information [here](#).

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CASEE Conference 2023

Smart Life Sciences and Technology for Sustainable Development

The next CASEE Conference will be hosted by Technical University of Moldova in Chisinau, the capital city of Moldova. The confirmed period of the conference is **28 - 30 June 2023**.

CASEE General Assembly will be held on **30 June 2023**.

The conference website will be launched, and the call for abstracts will be circulated in the upcoming weeks.

Follow CASEE website for more information [here](#).

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7th International ISEKI-Food Conference

Next-Generation of Food Research, Education and Industry

The [ISEKI-Food Association](#) is organising the **7th International ISEKI-Food Conference** that will take place on **05 - 07 July 2023** at the **University of Paris-Saclay, AgroParisTech** in Paris, France.

The **ISEKI-Food conference 2023** will focus on future challenges in **education** on food science and technology, in **research** activities related to production, processing, quality and safety, packaging of foods and in **societal engagements** in the field. The conference is dedicated to scientists, engineers, and

students from universities all around the world as well as the food industry, thus helping bridging universities, research and industry. It provides opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas and application experiences face to face, establish business or research relations, and find global partners for future collaborations.

Follow ISEKI Food Association (IFA) for more information [here](#).

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SILVA Network Annual Conference 2023

Communication – a neglected topic in higher forestry education and further education?

The next SILVA Network Annual Conference will be held at the [University of Sopron, Hungary](#) on **11-14 April 2023**.

Participants are invited to submit an abstract by 15th February 2023 via email to Sandra Liebal sandra.liebal@tu-dresden.de

Follow SILVA website for more information [here](#).

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Other information

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023-2024

Largest public consultation ever held on the past, present and future of the European research and innovation programmes 2014-2027

Learning Lab on Investing in Quality Education and Training

UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15)

An overview of upcoming European Partnerships in food, forestry, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment can be found

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