

NEWSLETTER

IASON+ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026
Science, Cooperation and a Shared Vision for Resilient Wetlands
11–13 May 2026 | Tulcea, Romania

Between 11 and 13 May 2026, the Danube Delta National Institute for Research and Development (DDNI), Lead Partner of the European IASON+ Project – BSB00174, organised the IASON+ International Conference in Tulcea, Romania. The event brought together project consortium members, researchers, environmental experts, decision-makers and other key stakeholders in a dynamic international setting dedicated to scientific exchange, research results and future cooperation for the protection of deltaic and wetland ecosystems.

IASON+

Invasive Alien Species Observatory and Network Development for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Contextual Ecosystem Services Evaluation in Black Sea Deltaic Protected Areas

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INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The IASON+ International Conference provided a platform for presenting and discussing the latest scientific results achieved within IASON+, while exploring their long-term impact and potential applications. Discussions addressed Invasive Alien Species (IAS), Ecosystem Services (ES), biodiversity conservation, climate change and ecosystem resilience, identifying opportunities for continued scientific cooperation and stronger international research networks.

WHO JOINED US?

Representatives from academic and research institutions, central and local public authorities, the National Authority for Research, the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority, NGOs, as well as national and international experts and partners working in:

- ✓ scientific research
- ✓ environmental protection
- ✓ biodiversity conservation
- ✓ wetland management
- ✓ sustainable development

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National Institute for Research and Development "Danube Delta" (DDNI) Tulcea in partnership with ICDEM Tulcea and the "Grigore Antipa" National Museum of Natural History, Bucharest.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE DANUBE DELTA

A CENTURY OF SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE

The conference was held within the anniversary events celebrating 100 years of research excellence in the Danube Delta, under the overarching theme: *"History and Future of Wetland Health – 100 Years of Research for Sustainable Management in the Danube Delta"*.

100 YEARS OF RESEARCH – A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

1926–1950

The beginnings of scientific exploration in the Danube Delta

1951–1980

Understanding biodiversity and ecosystem processes

1981–2000

Research for conservation and sustainable use

2001–2020

Addressing climate change and new environmental challenges

2021–2026+

Science, innovation and cooperation for resilient wetlands

TOGETHER FOR RESILIENT WETLANDS

By connecting 100 years of scientific research in the Danube Delta with the innovative and transnational approach promoted by IASON+, the conference created a bridge between scientific heritage and the environmental challenges of the future. Through research, international cooperation and knowledge exchange, IASON+ continues to contribute to more resilient delta ecosystems and stronger scientific cooperation across the Black Sea Basin.

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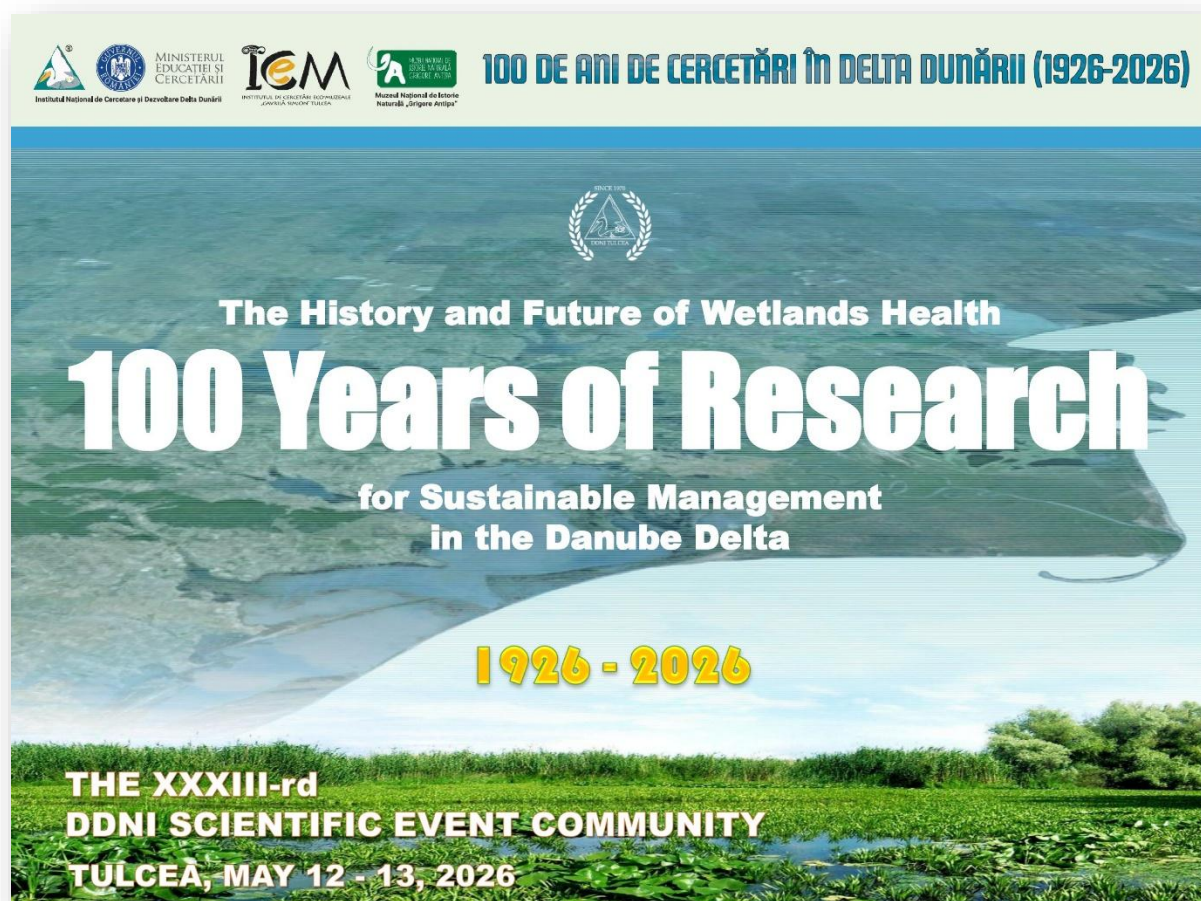
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From Research Results to Future Action

The International Conference provided an important platform for presenting and discussing the latest scientific results achieved within IASON+, while exploring their long-term impact and potential applications. Participants exchanged knowledge and perspectives on key environmental challenges affecting protected delta areas, with particular attention to Invasive Alien Species (IAS), Ecosystem Services (ES), biodiversity conservation, climate change and ecosystem resilience. The discussions also looked beyond current project activities, identifying opportunities for continued scientific cooperation and stronger international research networks across the Black Sea Basin.

Celebrating 100 Years of Scientific Research in the Danube Delta

The IASON+ International Conference took place within a particularly significant scientific context: the celebration of a century of research excellence in the Danube Delta. Under the overarching theme: *“History and Future of Wetland Health – 100 Years of Research for Sustainable Management in the Danube Delta”* the anniversary event celebrated the remarkable legacy of scientific research dedicated to understanding, conserving and sustainably managing one of Europe’s most valuable wetland ecosystems. The event was organised by DDNI Tulcea, in partnership with ICEM Tulcea and the “Grigore Antipa” National Museum of Natural History, Bucharest.



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Connecting Science, Policy and Society

Together, the IASON+ International Conference and the centenary scientific events created an exceptional platform connecting science, environmental policy and society. The events welcomed representatives from academic and research institutions, central and local public authorities, the National Authority for Research, the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority, NGOs, as well as national and international experts and partners working in: scientific research: environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, wetland management, sustainable development. This multidisciplinary participation strengthened dialogue between researchers, authorities and practitioners and highlighted the importance of transforming scientific knowledge into effective approaches for environmental management.

A Century of Knowledge – A Future of Cooperation

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