



Job opportunities / grants

→ **PhD position on climate change, cyanobacterial blooms, and human health**
Estación Biológica de Doñana, SCIS, Seville, Spain



We are seeking a candidate for a PhD at the interface of environmental epidemiology, freshwater ecology, and climate sciences, to work with us at Doñana Biological Station (EBD), which belongs to the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). The main objectives of the PhD project are:

- a) To establish an indicator time-series on the presence of cyanobacterial blooms in the freshwater bodies of Doñana and reservoirs in Andalucía, putting in value the existing aquatic sensor data and reported fish and bird mortality events in Doñana, combined with satellite imagery data
- b) To investigate the predictive power of meteorological and hydrological variables regarding the occurrence of cyanobacterial blooms in Doñana and reservoirs in Andalucía
- c) To examine possible associations between the presence of cyanobacterial blooms and adverse human health outcomes (such as respiratory outcomes, liver cancer, neurodegenerative diseases) in the population resident within or nearby the Doñana Natural Area, and/or in municipalities that derive their drinking water from reservoirs in Andalucía.

Please send an e-mail to veronika.huber@ebd.csic.es and ajgreen@ebd.csic.es.

→ **PhD position on Aquatic Ecology in High-Mountain Lakes**
Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Móstoles, Madrid, Spain



This project focuses on understanding how climate change and environmental pressures impact freshwater ecosystems, especially high-mountain lakes. The project will involve parts using environmental DNA (eDNA) techniques to reconstruct food webs, compiling and analyzing large-scale datasets on lake communities. While these topics are central, there's flexibility to adapt the project to the candidate's specific interests. The successful candidate will:

- a) Participate in fieldwork in Sierra de Gredos, Sierra Segundera, and Sierra Guadarrama, collecting biological and environmental samples.
- b) Analyze samples in the lab and work with large-scale datasets.
- c) Be involved in ecological modeling, lead scientific publications, and present research at conferences.

More details to follow soon! If you are interested and know somebody who could be interested, please share, and feel free to get in touch with zeynep.ersoy@urjc.es.

→ Postdoc position in ecology

Gelnhausen, the Senckenberg Research Institute and Natural History Museum in Frankfurt am Main, Germany

We are looking for an enthusiastic ecologist (m/f/d) with a background in community ecology, macroecology, metacommunities, and/or analysis of ecological time series. The applicant should have a strong track record of scientific publications. The position is embedded in the EU-funded project [Biodiversity Meets Data](#). The BMD project aims to provide a toolbox equipped with a suite of Virtual Research Environments (VREs) that are co-designed with the stakeholders to deliver biodiversity assessments, biodiversity trend analyses, identification of drivers of change, and projections to future climatic and land cover scenarios at local, regional, national and European scales across the terrestrial, freshwater and marine realms.

If you have any specific questions about the position, please contact Prof. Dr. Peter Haase at peter.haase@senckenberg.de

→ Two postdoc positions - ecological economics and human dimensions of biological invasions Forest Invasion Synthesis Centre (FISC) Prague, Czechia

Postdoc - Ecological economics of biological invasions: The individual will serve as a researcher at FISC and will conduct research on economic aspects of invasions by plants, plant pathogens and insects in forests and their management. This work will involve the analysis of data and on invasions, their impacts and their management. More information [here](#).

Postdoc - Human dimensions of biological invasions: The individual will serve as a researcher at FISC and will conduct research on the role of humans facilitating invasions by plants, plant pathogens and insects in forests as well as social perceptions of invasions and their impacts. More information [here](#).

Both are for 2-year contracts at the newly created [Forest Invasion Synthesis Centre](#) in the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Science, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague.

Conferences, workshops and courses

→ 16th European Diatom Meeting Murcia, 6th-10th July 2026

Website available: 21st of September 2025

Abstract submission and registration opens: 16th November 2025

Deadline for abstract submission: 17th April 2026

Notification of abstract acceptance: 29th May 2026



Topics: Diatoms as indicators of past and present of Environmental change; Diatoms in the era of big data and integrative biology; Diatoms as ecosystem players and tools for sustainability.

→ Curso “Gestión y visualización de datos con R. Convirtiendo datos en historias 5ª edición”

Organiza: Asociación Española de Ecología Terrestre

Aula virtual, 23 septiembre a 25 noviembre 2025



Este curso aporta un enfoque estructurado para comunicar resultados científicos a partir de los datos, que involucra una combinación de tres elementos: datos, visualización y narrativa. Cuando unimos estos tres elementos (Visualización + Narración + Datos) logramos contar una historia con nuestros datos, logramos influenciar y divulgar de manera más eficaz.

El objetivo de este curso consiste en dotar de herramientas para la gestión y visualización de datos que permita transmitir el mensaje deseado eficazmente. Esto pasa por enseñar un método de trabajo intuitivo, ordenado y reproducible. Al concluir el curso, los participantes habrán adquirido habilidades sólidas en las técnicas de adquisición, manipulación, gestión y visualización de datos.

Cualquier información adicional de estos cursos en: e-mail secretaria@aeet.org.

J-AIL INTERMEETING COURSE

→ Intermeeting course: How to write a project proposal

Organiza: Jóvenes de la Asociación Ibérica de Limnología

Coimbra, Portugal, 5 a 8 noviembre



La Asociación Ibérica de Limnología (AIL) ofrece 24 becas para asistir al “*Intermeeting course: How to write a Project proposal*” que tendrá lugar en Coimbra (Portugal) del 5 al 8 de noviembre de 2025 (el 8 será opcional). En el curso se incluye la participación en las actividades que tendrán lugar en el mismo durante 3 días. La ayuda cubre los gastos del curso (2 noches de alojamiento, 2 comidas, 4 coffee breaks y 1 cena) a excepción de 20 euros que se tendrán que abonar en concepto de reserva.

DOCUMENTACIÓN:

En este [link](#) podéis encontrar toda la documentación y el formulario para la solicitud.

PLAZO DE SOLICITUD:

El [formulario de solicitud](#) y los documentos asociados deberán ser enviados en un solo **fichero PDF por e-mail a la secretaría de la AIL (secretaria@limnologia.net) antes del 7 de septiembre de 2025.**

¡Animaos a participar!

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