



Dear members,

Thank you for your active participation throughout 2025 – it has been a year full of progress and collaboration for E-NICHE. As we move into 2026, we are excited to announce several workshops, training schools, grants, and community activities. Below you will find a summary of upcoming opportunities and important updates.

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**WG Activities in 2026 |**

2026 will be a busy year for E-NICHE, full with interesting opportunities to contribute to our aims and deliverables. The following table summarizes the planned activities through 2026. For details please check your e-mails and our webpage.

Title	Dates	Location	Open to	No. of participants (reimbursed)	Attendance type
Workshop on writing a review paper	17/03/2026 – 18/03/2026	Barcelona (Spain)	invited WG2 members	11(10)	face to face
Communicating Science to Policy Makers: Strategies and Tools for Effective Dialogue (workshop)	20/04/2026 – 21/04/2026	Izmir (Türkiye)	invited + open	25(10)	Hybrid
Workshop on Innovations in Chemical Ecology	06/05/2026 – 08/05/2026	Athens (Greece)	open to WG2 members	12(12)	face to face
Training school on insect chemical ecology - WG2	04/05/2026 – 06/05/2026	Athenes (Greece)	open to members	14(14) – 4 trainers and 10 trainees	face to face
Training School on Metabolomics and Multi-Omics Tools in Chemical Ecology	01/06/2026 – 05/06/2026	Naples (Italy)	open to members	14(14) – 4 trainers and 10 trainees	face to face



Management Committee of E-NICHE and Annual Meeting	07/09/2026 - 09/09/2026 6 Split	Split (Croatia)	open to members	80(50)	face to face
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Registration details and calls will be shared via email and on our website throughout the year **2026**.

Above the listed events, several online meetings will be organized regarding the different deliverables of E-NICHE.

## Database |

A great result of E-NICHE – especially that of the WG3 – is the [database](#), which help find collaborators, potential partners and contacts in Chemical Ecology. The database is now open for every member, so please feel free to fill up with your details. 155 of 300 of our members have already filled the database, thank you for them really much and we hope all of you can use it with big success.

If you have not yet added your profile, please take 3 minutes to [fill it out](#) – it greatly helps visibility and networking within the Action.

## Annual meeting in Split, Croatia |

In 2025, we organized a fantastic and successful annual meeting for E-NICHE members, where they can get known the results of the E-NICHE so far and also, we saw really interesting presentations from the board area of Chemical Ecology. We will repeat this event in 2026 as well. The Event place will be in Split, Croatia, from 7 to 9 of September 2026. However, the number of meeting reimbursed participants is unfortunately limited for the moment to 50, but this number is expected to increase during the year according to the free budget. We welcome all of our members to participate on it. Details from the event will emerge from the Spring of 2026, so please check our letter and our website!

## E-NICHE grants |

In 2026 we will support mobility and dissemination through:

- 7 × STSMs (2 already announced in November, more will open in the middle of January)
- 1 × YRI/ITC conference grant
- 1 × Dissemination conference grant

Calls and application details will follow soon.



## YouTube channel |

Thanks to Francois, today we have 9 videos on our [YouTube channel](#), last emerged in November about the preliminary results of the [mismatches surveys](#).

## Surveys |

Finding a job in chemical ecology can be as challenging as finding the right candidate — therefore we are running **two surveys** to compare expectations from applicants and employers. The more answers we gather, the more representative the results will be.

Current status:

- **Future Employee Survey:** 32 responses
- **Future Employer Survey:** 23 responses

Our initial goal is **at least 50 responses per survey**, but more would give us an even stronger picture of the field — so every additional reply matters.

The surveys take only **5–10 minutes** to complete.

👉 **If you are searching for chemical ecology jobs (students, early career etc.)** please fill in the [Future Employee Survey](#).

👉 **If you are involved in hiring (academia or industry)** please fill in the [Future Employer Survey](#).

Thank you very much to everyone who has already participated — and we warmly encourage more of you to join!

## New E-NICHE (co)-leaders |

We are happy to announce a change in WG1 leadership: **Eduardo Barata** has taken over the WG1 lead from **Pavel Stopka** in December 1st.

We thank Pavel for his work and dedication so far, and warmly welcome Eduardo in his new role!

## Job opportunities |

A **permanent research position at INRAE (IGEPP, Rennes)** is expected to open in 2026.

The position will focus on the **chemical ecology of plant–insect interactions**, particularly olfactory communication and mechanisms driving signal specificity. Results will contribute to pest control strategies based on behavioural manipulation via plant volatiles.



📍 Location: **IGEPP, Rennes (France)** — a large, well-equipped research unit with >200 members and strong chemical ecology collaborations.

🔗 Applications open end of **January 2026** on the INRAE job portal.

You may set up a job alert, or contact **Anne-Marie Cortesero** for more information.

👉 Please feel free to share this opportunity with students/postdocs who might be interested.

## ECE |

The **XIII European Congress of Entomology** will take place **29 June – 3 July 2026 in Tours, France**, bringing together the international entomology community for talks, symposia, posters and collaboration opportunities — from fundamental research to applied solutions.

If you plan to attend, **don't forget to register!** Deadline for Early Bird registration has been extended to 31 January 2026.

A diverse and inspiring program awaits, in the heart of the Loire Valley!

Registration & details on the congress website

<https://www.ece2026.org/submission-registration>

We hope to see many of you there — and please spread the word within your networks!

**Thank you for reading our newsletter and supporting the E-NICHE community!**

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a **happy, successful, and peaceful New Year 2026**, full of new ideas, inspiring collaborations, and rewarding experiences.

We also thank you in advance for your continued participation in surveys, events, and for sharing your insights with the community.