

# Mini international conference

## Aquatic Restoration & Nature-Based Solutions

### Oslo, 12-14<sup>th</sup> October 2021



**Why this conference?** The UN decade for ecosystem restoration starts this year and signifies a new era. Ambitions of the EU Green Deal and Biodiversity strategy towards 2030 demand actions and restoration will be a key component in reaching targets. We will see an unprecedented up-scaling of restoration actions in the coming years, creating an enormous drag for skills that can drive this process, from planners to practitioners and underpinned by science. Nature-based solutions will be implemented at increasing rates to help alleviate the pressure on nature and us humans. The escalation of climate change, the threat to biodiversity and increased risk from pollutants must be met with appropriate measures to secure human well-being.

**Our conference has its focus on water;** aquatic ecosystems spanning from marine coastal areas to freshwaters including rivers, lakes, and wetlands. We employ a catchment perspective and consider all types of land-uses including cities. The conference is directed towards science underpinning restoration and nature-based solutions more than showcasing hands on examples. We aim to attract natural as well as social scientists, both as presenter and participants.

**Where is it going to be?** The conference will be held at Oslo Science Park (<https://www.forskningsparken.no/en/>) and can be attended in person (maximum number of participants 140) or virtually after what you prefer as a participant. The aim is to have most of the key note speakers in Oslo if possible and broadcast their presentations live. However, given the COVID times we are living in, this might be adjusted as we move closer to the conference as could the maximum number of participants that can be allowed on the premises.

### Key Dates

#### July 2021

Registration open

#### 15 September 2021

Early Registration Ends

#### 1 October 2021

Abstract Submission  
Deadline

### Prices

#### Early bird

1500 NOK experts /  
1000 NOK students

#### Regular

2000 NOK / 1500 NOK

#### Virtual

200 NOK / 100 NOK

### Confirmed keynotes

Professor **Daniel Hering**, University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany

Associate professor **Brendan Mckie**, Swedish Agricultural University (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden

Senior scientist **Isabel Seifert-Dähnn**, NIVA, Oslo, Norway

Professor **Carlos Garcia de Leaniz**, Swansea University, Swansea, Wales

Senior scientist **Trine Bekkby**, NIVA, Oslo, Norway

Senior engineer **Xiaogang Tian**, Sichuan Academy of Ecological & Environmental Sciences, Chengdu, China

Professor **Lee Brown**, Water@Leeds, University of Leeds, UK

### Registration

Please send an email to our conference management and state if you would like to present and the attendance form (physically vs. virtual). If you state interest you will get the second announcement in advance of the general advertising.

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### COVID-19 and Carbon Footprint Disclaimer

NIVA joins the world in adjusting to a new normal. We continue working on a state-of-the-art platform to provide a format that best serves all our participants by offering both physical and virtual participation.

### Meeting program (dates and time are fixed)

Date and times	Activities
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 16:00 – 19:00	Mixer and posters at the top centre at the Science Park
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00 – 12:00 12:00- 13:00 13:00-16:00 19:00 -	Keynote presentations Lunch break Contributed papers in three parallel sessions Conference dinner in town
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-13:00	Keynote presentation Plenary discussion Lunchbreak and goodbyes

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