

EDGG Event

20th Eurasian Grassland Conference 2025, Oulu, Finland

The 20th Eurasian Grassland Conference (EGC) will be held at Oulu, Finland, during 7-10th July 2025

The landmark 20th Eurasian Grassland Conference will take place at the University of Oulu, in northern Finland, where we will be hosted by the Biodiverse Anthropocenes research programme, which is led by Professor Marko Mutanen. We will visit unique Baltic grasslands along the Bothnian bay during our middle-conference excursion. The post-conference excursion will take us to the Oulanka National Park in NE Finland, where we will stay at the Oulanka Research Station and have the opportunity to visit wet and dry riparian flood meadows along the Oulanka and Kitka rivers, as well as visiting some bog meadows.

The conference will be preceded by a Field Workshop in the Southwest archipelago of Finland.

Being close to the Arctic Circle, the conditions of this region are rather exotic for participants from Central and Southern Europe. The summer here is short but intensive. At midsummer, we can enjoy the midnight sun, as the sun really al-

most does not set. The theme of the conference will focus on the peculiarities of the grasslands of this region, and other regions with extreme conditions, though as always, presentations on any grassland-related topic will be acceptable. We will also learn about the history of the management of grasslands in northern Finland, and their conservation. And of course, the programme will also include a generous helping of local culture, exotic culinary experiences, workshops on novel topics, and such regular old favourites, as the Young Investigator competitions, EDGG General Assembly, Grassland Party and charity auction.

Further details will be published very soon on the [EDGG web site](#) and in the next edition of *Palaearctic Grasslands*. But please pencil the dates into your diaries already now so as not to miss this exotic opportunity!



Oulu University Botanical Garden in summer. Photo: Rahesa80, [CC BY-SA 4.0](#), via Wikimedia Commons.



Oulu University Botanical Garden Science Garden. Photo: M. Peregrym.



Grassland habitat on Hailuoto, the island venue for the mid-conference excursion. Photo: M. Peregrym.



Riparian flood meadow in Oulanka with a hay barn at the edge of the adjacent forest. One of the venues for the EGC post-conference excursion. Photo: S. Venn.