

## EFFS Technical procedure

# How to apply and be granted for the EFFS label for scientific meetings



### ***What is the EFFS?***

EFFS is the European Federation for Freshwater Sciences (<http://www.freshwatersciences.eu>). It aims to promote freshwater sciences throughout Europe, by facilitating communication and collaboration among scientists, through the convening of scientific symposia such as the Symposium for European Freshwater Sciences (SEFS), extending the benefits of the EFFS-membership to whole Europe through multiple activities and co-working.

### ***What is the EFFS label?***

It is a scientific quality label granted by EFFS. The EFFS label is awarded to high quality scientific meetings, dealing with original research on any aspect related to inland waters.

In order to get the EFFS-label, the candidate scientific meeting needs to fulfil some of the following criteria:

- The meeting is organized by an EFFS-federated society OR by a member or institution affiliated to a EFFS-federated society (endorsed by a EFFS-federated society).

- EFFS provided help in the organisation of the meeting
  - o through interactions with former SEFS organisers,
  - o through the proposal of chairpersons, members of the scientific committee, and/or plenary speakers.
- The meeting host dedicated sessions to early career scientists and PhD students to present results, create synergistic interactions, promote networking, build common projects, etc.
- The meeting is organized with funds from the European Union projects granted in competitive European calls (e.g. COST actions, Horizon Europe, Life, ERC)
- The scientific committee includes outstanding European freshwater scientists.
- The meeting offers an opportunity to publish articles in a recognized, peer-reviewed, open access scientific journal, potentially within a special issue.
- The symposium is organized at international level, either through the participants' attendance or through the applicability of the themes/issues to a European or global scale.
- The number of attendees must be  $\geq 50$

### ***How to apply?***

Applications must first be presented to the corresponding EFFS-federated society to first obtain the support of the national society. Once this is granted, the organizers must send the application form, together with the endorsement letter of their EFFS-federated society, to the EFFS Working Group of meetings ([stephan.jacquet@inrae.fr](mailto:stephan.jacquet@inrae.fr)), and copied to the Chairperson of the EFFS ([antonio.camacho@uv.es](mailto:antonio.camacho@uv.es)). The application form is provided below.

Once held, the organizers must send a short (1 page) report on the meeting to the above mentioned EFFS-representatives

# Application to EFFS label

Name of the meeting:

Dates of the meeting:

Are you the convenor of the meeting? Please give your name and affiliation

Yes       No

Chief organisers are (please give names and affiliation):

Are you and/or the chief organisers members EFFS-federated society?

Yes       No

If yes, please give the name(s) of the society

Is the meeting is organized by an EFFS-federated society?

Yes       No

If yes, state which one: AFL French Limnological Association, AIL Iberian Limnological Association, AIOL Italian Association for Oceanography and Limnology, CAFE Croatian Association of Freshwater Ecologists, CLS Czech Limnological Society, DGL Deutsche Gesellschaft für Limnologie e.V., FBA Freshwater Biological Association, MHT-LS HS Hungarian Hydrological Society, IFSA Irish Freshwater Sciences Association, PTH Polish Hydrobiological Society, SER Romanian Ecological Society, SGHL Swiss Society for Hydrology and Limnology, SLY The Finnish Limnological Society, SLS Slovakian Limnological Society, SWPCS Serbian Water Pollution Control Society, TLS The Limnological Society of Turkey, VOL Association of Austrian SIL-Members: SIL-Austria.

EFFS-Federated Society:

Have former SEFS organisers been involved in the preparation of the meeting?

Yes       No

How? (Please detail your answer):

Would you like EFFE to help in the proposal of chairpersons, members of the scientific committee, and/or plenary speakers?

Yes       No

If yes, which:

Is your meeting international?

Yes       No

Please provide details:

Are outcomes of the meeting international?

Yes       No

Please provide details:

Are European freshwater scientists included in your scientific committee?

Yes       No

Please provide details:

Have European funds been obtained for the organisation of the meeting (please explain)?

Yes       No

Please provide details:

What is the expected number of participants?

50-100       101-150       151-200       201-300       >300

Is special attention provided to Early Career Researchers/PhD students?

Yes       No

How?

Special session       Workshop       Round table       Other (please detail)