

CREATION OF THE « OBSERVATORY OF HIGH-STAKE SPECIES FOR HUMAN HEALTH »

Some known alien exotic or locally expanding species, fauna or flora, are the cause of human health problems (respiratory allergy, swallowing or skin contact risks...). Moreover, other species (Giant hogweed, *Datura*, pine and oak processionary caterpillars, ...) have to be monitored by public authorities and general public¹.

Therefore, professionals and the general public have to be informed, so as to organise and coordinate actions against those species. Integrated in the « One health » approach, those actions should take into account the well-being of ecosystems and promote nature-based solutions.

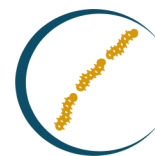
Thus, in France, the “Human Health Impactful Species Observatory” has been created (especes-risque-sante.info) managed by [FREDON France](https://fredon-france.fr). In addition to managing the French Ragweed Observatory, it will also manage other observatories, starting with the “French Processionary Caterpillars Observatory” in 2021 (chenilles-risque.info).

Endemic but proliferating in Europe, oak and pine processionary caterpillars have indeed more and more impact on French forests and on public health.

Are you a part of, or familiar with the existence of a similar structure in your country? Please, let us know by sending an email at : chenille-risque@fredon-france.fr



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BIRD SEED FOOD IN BELGIUM

Belgium



Observatoire wallon des
Ambrosies

The Walloon Ragweed Observatory² informs and sensitizes the general Walloon public about the importance of staying vigilant regarding ragweeds.

In order to better understand the ragweed introduction made by birds seed food, the Walloon Ragweed Observatory is supervising Zoé Etcheverria's internship.

Indeed, former studies showed that birds seed food could play an important role in ragweed spread, even in the areas not yet invaded by the plant. Z.Etcheverria's work will consist in estimating the presence of ragweed seeds in domestic and wild birds seed-food. The outcome of this sieving and binocular magnifier counting will soon be available.

Both French and Walloon Observatory distributed last year a general public questionnaire regarding this subject. You will find the results on ambrosie-risque.info.

INTERNATIONAL RAGWEED SOCIETY CONFERENCE, BUDAPEST 2022

IRS



The president and members of the IRS committee are pleased to announce that the next IRS CONFERENCE will take place in **Budapest in September 8 & 9, 2022³**.

« **What's new in the world with *Ambrosia* ?** »

Please make sure to **save the date** on your agenda and kindly forward this message to anyone in your network who you feel might be interested in attending. You will receive all important information concerning dates, registration, booking, fees, etc. in the course of the year 2021.

Organization: President (Michel Thibaudon) and members of the International Ragweed Society and the local organizing committee: László Makra, Donát Magyar and Tamás Szigeti (National Public Health Center, Hungary)

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INFORMATION SOURCES

1. [Le Gouvernement lance le 4ème plan national santé environnement « Un environnement, une santé » \(solidarites-sante.gouv.fr\)](#)
2. [Ambrosie \(wallonie.be\)](#)
3. [International Ragweed Society – A scientific organization. Promote the knowledge of the weed, control the allergenic pollen.](#)

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Find all the Observatory actions on social medias :



Former Ragweed Observatory letters can be [consulted here](#)

SHORT NEWS

- The IUCN World Conservation Congress will take place in Marseille (France) from the 3rd to 11th September 2021 : <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/>
On this occasion, the French Ragweed Observatory along with other partners will organise an escape game about ragweeds ! We hope to see you there !