**ESN Award and Financial support for “green” attendance to the ESN 2026 symposium**

To demonstrate its commitment to sustainable development, ESN would like to encourage "greener" travel to the 36th International Nematology Symposium.

To this end, we will be rewarding the most original and significant initiative in terms of reducing carbon emissions when attending the symposium.

**Application criteria:**

* Candidates must be ESN members at the time of application and still be members at the time of the congress/symposium (\*).
* Candidates may apply either as individuals or as a group of individuals from the same laboratory, but not both.
* Applications for either a single way or a return trip are both accepted.
* Applicants must provide the ESN secretary with proof of ticket purchase on arrival at the symposium venue.
* The applicant's institution must not be located in the country organizing the symposium, but exceptions will be considered if the applicant's institution is remote from the symposium venue.

**Selection criteria (in order of importance):**

* *Carbon emission savings*: Quantified savings vs. air travel baseline (only if air travel is the default-for example flying Brussels-Amsterdam is not the default) or quantified savings vs. less sustainable alternative non-air
* *Effort/commitment*: Longest distance/biggest effort travelled sustainably
* *Originality/Creativity*: Unusual or unexpected modes of transport (e.g. sailing, cycling, whatever...)
* *Visibility*: Will the trip raise awareness? (e.g. social media, blog, carbon tracking)

An application form is available below.

The completed form should be submitted to the Secretary (se289@cam.ac.uk) **before the end of April 2026**. Applications will be rated by a committee appointed by the ESN Governing Board and the awarded application presented during the symposium Gala dinner. The winning initiative will receive a cash prize equivalent to 50% of the cost of the trip with a ceiling of 500€ for individual applications (1500€ for a group of individuals).

(\*) Please visit our website <https://www.esn-online.org/> to join on-line. Memberships only costs 40 € for two consecutive years.

Application for "greener" travel to attend ESN symposium

Please complete this form and send by email to Sebastian Eves-van den Akker (se389@cam.ac.uk). Please rename the file along the lines “ESN\_greentravel\_application\_fred\_bloggs.doc” replacing “fred bloggs” with your own name. Please ensure that your application is sent by **the end of April 2026**

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| **1. Applicant details** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Institution** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Telephone**  |  |
| **City and country of departure** |  |
| **Number of km to reach the ESN symposium** |  |
| **You are participating as** | an individual / a group of the same institution (delete as appropriate) |
| **Number of persons travelling together** |  |
| **You are applying for** | a single trip / a return trip (delete as appropriate) |

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| **2. Estimated costs and carbon emission to attend the ESN meeting** |
| **Please provide as many details as possible in the sections below** |
| **Your travel costs for your green travel** |  |
| **Your approximate total carbon emission for your green travel (use the simulator** [**https://travelandclimate.org/**](https://travelandclimate.org/) **to fill this section)** |  |
| **Your approximate total carbon emission for an usual travel (use the simulator** [**https://travelandclimate.org/**](https://travelandclimate.org/) **to fill this section)** |  |
| **Your previous means of transport (plane, train, bus, …) to attend previous ESN meetings** |  |
| **Support available from other sources** |  |

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| **3. Your travel details** |
| **Please provide below an overview of your initiative and details of the km travelled using each means of transport (in case different means are used)** |
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