2026 NAISMA Annual Conference

The ISC was excited to serve as a co-host of the 2026 North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) Annual Conference, held October 19–22 in Alexandria, Virginia. ISC Affiliates and Partners were well represented throughout the week as session presenters, poster presenters, exhibitors, and volunteers. Their participation showcased the breadth of expertise across the Collaborative's network and the many ways its members are working to advance invasive species research and management.

The conference was also a time for celebration! The Collaborative received NAISMA's Cooperator Award in recognition of its support for NAISMA's programs and contributions to organizing the annual conference. We're also proud to celebrate Kevin Heffernan, Invasive Species Coordinator with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, who received NAISMA's Advocacy Award. The award recognizes his outstanding leadership and dedication to advancing invasive species prevention and management in Virginia.

From sharing research and exchanging ideas to building new connections, the conference was a wonderful reminder of what the invasive species community can accomplish through collaboration. Thank you to NAISMA and everyone who helped make the week a success. The ISC looks forward to continuing these conversations in Charleston, South Carolina, at NAISMA 2027!



ISC Affiliates facilitated a NAISMA special session entitled "From Research to Action: The Role of Universities in Collaborative Invasive Species Management".

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