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The FMCS is a not-for-profit, dedicated to the advocacy and conservation science of freshwater mollusk resources. The FMCS workshop provides a great opportunity to network and build relationships with conservation professionals from state and federal government, industry, and conservation organizations. The Society has a membership of 500, and 250 members generally attend the biennial symposiums. Until now the company has mainly served the US and Canada members, but the need to expand its leading role to other continents has become increasingly evident. This recognition prompted the organization of the 1st FMCS Meeting outside of North America. Europe has been chosen because of the large number of active freshwater malacologists working in a number of countries. To help the society expand its role in guiding researchers and professionals constantly working to conserve freshwater mollusks and their ecosystem services, we need your help. We are requesting monetary SPONSORSHIP to help cover the costs of this First Meeting facilities. In addition to monetary contributions, FMCS is also accepting donations of equipment and other items to support our Student Scholarship Auction.

DONATE items for the world-famous FMCS auction to be held as part of the FMCS 2018 meeting in Verbania, Italy! Past items have included field equipment, rare books, T-shirts, art, jewelry, fishing gear, regional foods and beverages, and more. Proceeds go to FMCS student awards. Deliver to the registration desk, or auctioneer at the symposium. If you can't make the meeting in person or would rather ship, please send items to attention: Nicoletta Riccardi, CNR-Institute of Ecosystem Study, Largo Tonolli 50, 28922, Verbania, Italy (Phone 0039 347 5041411 / 0039 0323 518336/518300). Again, if shipping please clearly label that it is an FMCS auction item and indicate if a receipt is desired.

Thank you,
Nicoletta Riccardi, 2018 EU Meeting Co-Chair (n.riccardi@ise.cnr.it)
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| River\* | >$1000 | One Complimentary Registration, Logo on Website Registration Page and Symposium materials. |
| Stream | $500 - $1000 | One Registration Reduced by 25%, Logo Displayed at the Welcome Mixer. Logo on Website Registration Page. |
| Eddy | $100-$499 | Logo on Website Registration Page. |
| Mussel | <$100 | Recognition in the Symposium Program. |

\* Upon request, we have added an additional benefit to the top-level "River" (>$1,000) sponsorships. Your organization will be given the option of displaying your own retractable banner-type freestanding displays, or table-top display. The FMCS Conference Committee will put them up around the meeting and during dinner functions. We ask that the displays be no more than 3ft-wide.

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