

The IPS is an organisation of corporate and individual members dedicated to the responsible management and Wise Use of peatlands and peat. It promotes the gathering, exchange and communication of knowledge and experience. The Society serves all those interested in peat and peatlands including the scientific, industrial and commercial, and regulatory communities. It respects the economic, social and environmental values of the peatland resource. Currently the IPS has more than 1,400 individual and institutional members from 42 countries.

Preview Peatlands International 3.2013

The IPS Secretariat has finalized the second electronic issue of Peatlands International and will send that magazine to all IPS members early next week. You can look forward to 48 pages full of recent peat and peatland information:

- Towards 2014... by Susann Warnecke
- Viewpoint: A stronger Society – doing the right things by Björn Hånell
- Facts about the IPS – did you know all these? by Sandra Lubinaite
- Welcome to Riga – Peat and Technology Conference in August 2014
- Survey results: How can we use, promote and develop the Strategy for Responsible Peatland Management (SRPM)? by Henna Honkala
- Responsible management: Involvement of the industrial sector – Meet GRET-PERG in Québec in February
- Conference "Peat and humic substances and their application" by Maris Klavins
- Peat Pits - Post excavation residue or a valuable ecosystem? by Danuta Urban
- Raising Mires, Peatland Forestry & Restoration, Peat Production and a Biofuel Plant at Finland's West Coast by Susann Warnecke
- IPCC accepts two methodology reports – Press release
- The Peatlands of South West Ireland by Donal Clarke
- 5 Questions to an IPS member: Silke Kumar, Moorkultur Ramsloh, Germany
- Call for the IPS Award of Excellence 2014 – Deadline 31 January
- More info on the IPS Document Database & Welcome to Mýri Café in Jyväskylä
- New IPS members and how to join the IPS
- New Guide on Tree Plantations in Peatlands
- Distinction to Mr. Raimo Sopo
- Peat and peatland events
- Next issue...

Call for Articles PI 1.2014

Now it is already time to write for the **first issue in 2014**. Please submit your announcements, news and extended reports on research projects, industry matters, political developments or recent conferences by **13 January** to the IPS Secretariat, susann.warnecke (at) peatsociety.org. We welcome:

- manuscripts (max. 1000 words, A4, Arial, no full cap lines, with author contact details, language proofread if possible, for instance www.englishproofread.com/submit-document)
- photos and illustrations (separate jpg or pdf files with captions and the names of the photographers) and
- advertisements (pdf files, prices on request)

To have a look at the latest magazine, visit Peatlands International 2.2013 as:

- Epaper: <http://joom.ag/BJuX>
- Blog: <http://peatlandsinternational.wordpress.com>
- PDF: <http://bit.ly/17uuhyb> (press download to have all links working)

The password for this issue is *ipsmember13*. Peatlands International consists of about 30-50 pages with background reports and news, reviews of conferences and books; it publishes research findings and business reports on all matters related to peat and peatlands, as well as internal information on the IPS and its sister organisations.

New Contact Details for the German National Committee

Gerfried Caspers, Chair of the German Peat Society (DGMT), can now be reached at the following address: Dr. Gerfried Caspers, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Moor- und Torfkunde e.V., Stilleweg 2, 30655 Hanover, Germany, phone: +49 1523 / 189 82 84, email: [caspers \(at\) dgmtv.de](mailto:caspers@dgmtv.de). To see the activities of our German members visit www.dgmtv.de.

PERG Conference in Québec in February

Welcome to the symposium „**Responsible management of peatlands: Involvement of the industrial sector**“ on **19 - 20 February 2014** at Université Laval in Québec City, Canada. The topics discussed during the sessions include: Management of horticultural peatlands (Keynote speaker: David J. Cooper, Colorado State University), Biodiversity, Climate & Hydrology (Keynote speaker: William Shoty, University of Alberta), and Oil Sands & Mines. The 20th symposium is organized by The Peatland Ecology Research Group (PERG) with the collaboration of Commission V of the IPS – Restoration, rehabilitation and after-use of peatlands, and of the Society of Wetland Scientists. Deadline for registration is **3 February 2014**. For more information, as well as the registration forms, please go to www.gret-perg.ulaval.ca/actualitesevenements/symposium-2014. For more information, you can also contact Claire Boismenu, email: [claire.boismenu \(at\) fsaa.ulaval.ca](mailto:claire.boismenu@fsaa.ulaval.ca).

FAO Calls for Case Studies: Peatland Management Practices

The MICCA Programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations would like to invite members of the IPS to document and assess a case study of a responsible peatland management practice for the guidebook entitled “**Towards climate responsible peatland management practices Part 2**”. That part of the guidebook will provide a broad survey of various climate responsible management practices that decrease greenhouse gas emissions from intensively managed peatlands and improve livelihoods. The guidebook is intended to be a useful and accessible manual on peatland management practices. It is targeted to land managers and planners at the district/provincial level. They are looking for case-studies on peatland management practices related to rewetting, paludicultures, croplands, restoring degraded pastures, plantations, forestry, aquaculture and inland fishery. The case studies on management practices will be assessed against basic parameters, including its environmental characteristics, socio-economic impact, cost-benefit assessment and impact on ecosystem services. The case studies will also be available on an online platform. To assure the comparability of the case studies, FAO will provide a standard template for describing and assessing your practice. The guidebook will be published in 2014 and a lump-sum honorarium of 500 USD will be offered for the selected contributions which will be included into the printed version. Please contact [armine.avagyan\(at\)fao.org](mailto:armine.avagyan@fao.org) and [janie.rioux\(at\)fao.org](mailto:janie.rioux@fao.org).

Volunteering for OuTrop?

The Orangutan Tropical Peatland Project OuTrop welcomes applications for their 2014 Volunteer Expeditions. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in volunteering with OuTrop for **seven life-changing weeks**, then visit www.outrop.com/volunteer for more information and to apply. According to OuTrop, their volunteers gain first-hand experience of field research in a tropical forest environment, working alongside enthusiastic Indonesian researchers, and receiving practical training in field survey skills and project planning. OuTrop works at the forefront of primate research in tropical forest environments. They are affiliated to the Indonesian University of Palangka Raya, and British universities of Oxford and Leicester, carrying out scientific research on many aspects of orangutan, gibbon and red langur ecology and on tropical peat-swamp forest biodiversity, productivity, regeneration and restoration ecology. Each year they offer a limited number of students the opportunity to carry out their own research projects for their BSc or MSc dissertations. For more info see www.outrop.com. (Matt Williams, OuTrop)

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