

The International Peatland Society (IPS) is an organisation of corporate and individual members dedicated to the responsible management and Wise Use of peatlands and peat. Our mission is to serve all those involved in peatlands and peat through the promotion, gathering, exchange and communication of knowledge and experience, by means of events and projects which address key issues, including climate change, biodiversity, the need for responsible use and restoration. Currently the IPS has 1462 individual, corporate, student and institutional members from 43 countries.

## Your Abstract for the International Peat Congress 2016!

Now it is time to write your abstract (proposal for a presentation) for the International Peat Congress in Malaysia in 2016. Deadline for oral and poster abstract submission is **30 November 2015**. You can find the abstract submission guidelines at <http://ipc2016.com>, along with further information about the programme of the Congress, its sessions, excursions and social programme. If you want, you can also register already for this important event or sign up for the mailing list. Share this information with your friends and colleagues and join us in Kuching during **15 - 19 August 2016!** We also encourage all IPS members to post the banners at [www.ipc2016.com/banner\\_ad](http://www.ipc2016.com/banner_ad) on their websites and email signatures, and use their personal contacts to promote the Congress in their country. See you in Malaysia – Truly Asia!



## Cover Competition and Call for Articles PI 4.2015

We are now inviting contributions to Peatlands International 4.2015, to be sent to all 1400 IPS members in December. Please submit your article on research work, industry projects, cooperation and peatland events by **10 November** at the latest to the IPS Secretariat, [susann.warnecke \(at\) peatlands.org](mailto:susann.warnecke@peatlands.org). Note that the text should be written in Arial pt 10, no full cap lines/headlines, plus captions and the full contact details of the author(s). All photographs and other artwork must be submitted as jpg or pdf files with the names of the copyright holders. The editors reserve the right to edit and shorten articles. You are also welcome to advertise in the magazine. To download previous issues of the magazine see [www.peatlands.org/publications/peatlands-international](http://www.peatlands.org/publications/peatlands-international). You are especially welcome to send 1-2 of your photos as suggestions for the cover sheet. The best covers will be used for the magazine in 2015-2016.

## IPCC Elects Bureau for 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has elected new Bureau, and Hoesung Lee of the Republic of Korea as its new Chair. The Bureau, which consists of 34 members, will lead the Panel as it works on the forthcoming Sixth Assessment Report. Members are drawn from all six of the IPCC's regions, and include 8 women. The Panel also

elected its new Bureau for the Task Force on National Greenhouse Inventories (TFI), consisting of 14 members. Both lists can be found here: [www.ipcc.ch/nominations/results.shtml](http://www.ipcc.ch/nominations/results.shtml). The election took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, where the IPCC held its 42<sup>nd</sup> Session and also authorized the budget for the coming year. The IPCC completed its Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) in November 2014. The next Session of the IPCC will take place in Nairobi, Kenya, on **11 - 15 April 2016**. More information: [www.ipcc.ch](http://www.ipcc.ch). (Werani Zabula, IPCC)

## Closing Conference of Wetland Energy Project

The Closing Conference of the international project "Implementation of new concepts for wet peatland management for the sustainable production of biomass-based energy (wetland-energy) in Belarus" will be held between **17 - 18 November** in Minsk. On the first day the guests will hear the presentations of the key members of the project as well as the representatives of state and international organizations who supported the project during its implementation. During the second day the project and its final results will be presented to the public. You can register or ask for the programme via e-mail to the Belarusian Project Manager Larisa Ushkova, [loraushkova \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:loraushkova@gmail.com).

## First Finnish Peatlands Day on 2 February

The Finnish Peatland Society will organize the First National Peatland Day "Peatlands in the Bioeconomy World" at the House of Science and Letters in Helsinki on **2 February 2016**, World Wetland Day. Finland has the highest relative peatland cover of the countries in the world. How to use and manage our peatlands, their products, services and intangible value sustainably in the world of Bioeconomy? How to balance the demands of bioeconomy, biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation on peatlands? Welcome to present your latest peatland research and to join the discussion. We welcome abstracts under three themes: a) Peatlands and Bioeconomy, b) Peatlands and Climate, c) Peatlands and Diversity. Poster presentations may cover any peatland, peat, or wetland related topic. Finnish will be the primary language, and English if needed. Posters in other languages are accepted. The abstract submission will close on **15 November 2015**. Extended abstracts can be published in *Suo - Mires and Peat* afterwards. Please contact the secretary [suoseura49 \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:suoseura49@gmail.com) for more information. The National Peatland Day is targeted at researchers and students at universities and research institutes, peatland professionals, authorities, enterprises, and anyone else interested in peatlands. Registration fees: students incl. PhD €30, members of Suoseura €60, other participants €90. More info: [www.suoseura.fi](http://www.suoseura.fi). (Tuula Larmola)

## AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco in December

The Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) is the largest worldwide conference in the geophysical sciences, attracting more than 24,000 Earth and space scientists, educators, students, and other leaders. For 46 years, energized and passionate Earth and space scientists from around the world gather at the AGU Fall Meeting to connect with colleagues, broaden their knowledge base, and embrace the joy of science. The 2015 meeting will take place in San Francisco, USA, **14 - 18 December 2015**. The technical program includes presentations on new and cutting-edge science, much of which has not yet been published. The event has more than 1700 sessions, more than 23,000 oral and poster presentations, a broad range of general sessions, more than 50 formal and informal networking and career advancement opportunities, and an exhibit hall with nearly 300 exhibitors showcasing new and relevant research tools and services that could help scientists and researchers streamline their work. To search for the numerous peat and peatland presentations in San Francisco, visit <http://fallmeeting.agu.org/2015/scientific-program>.

## €16 Million Support for Moorland Partnership

The Moors for the Future Partnership, which works to protect priority international habitats in the Peak District and South Pennines, UK, has received 16 million euros to deliver the MoorLIFE 2020 project. This includes €12 million from the EU's LIFE fund - which supports environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout Europe - the largest award ever given to a UK-based project. The Partnership, hosted by the Peak District National Park Authority, is supported by partners including three major utility companies Severn Trent Water, United Utilities and Yorkshire Water, who have each made significant contributions to the project's €16 million total. The money will enable the team to continue the progress that has been made over the past 12 years, protecting huge areas of the internationally important South Pennine Moors. For more details on the the Moors for the Future Partnership, go to [www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk](http://www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk) and the EU LIFE programme: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life>. (Debra Wilson)