

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 1,500 individual and institutional members from 44 countries.

Abstract Submission for our Annual Meetings in Riga

If you have not yet registered for the IPS Annual Meetings and the International Peat Technology Symposium in Riga, Latvia, **25 - 29 August**, it is time to take care of that task before **1 August**. Please see www.peat2014.lv for the programme, to have a look at the IPS Commission seminars and excursions, to register and to book your hotel room. There is something on offer for all peatland specialists, including restoration & conservation, peat production & use, education & balneology. The Organising Committee is still welcoming abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the Peat Technology Symposium. This concerns the following sessions:

- Peatland survey
- Planning and construction of peat production areas
- Peatland conservation and restoration in practice
- Peat harvesting technologies
- Social, Environmental and Economical viewpoints in the production and use of Energy Peat
- Horticultural peat and its effective use
- Horticultural peat: equipment for its processing
- Responsible peat production and use
- IT Solutions and communication in the peat industry (weather, stock pile measurement, GPS etc)

All abstracts should be submitted in MS Word file format to abstracts (at) peat2014.lv until **1 July 2014**, 23:59 Central European Time. For detailed instructions see www.peat2014.lv/#!for-thesis-applicants/c1kf6. For up to date info and discussions join also www.facebook.com/events/525128787604553 and remember to invite your friends and colleagues to attend this special event. See you in Riga!



The screenshot shows the homepage of the International Peat Technology Symposium 2014 website. The header includes the event logo, the Latvian Peat Producers Association logo, and the IPS logo. Contact information for the event is provided: +371 25477354 and riga@peat2014.lv. A navigation menu contains links for HOME, ABOUT EVENT, PROGRAM, REGISTRATION, INFORMATION, ABOUT RIGA, PHOTO, and CONTACTS. The main content area features a large image of a peatland landscape with a pond. Overlaid on the image is a dark box with the text: 'Welcome to International Peat Technology Symposium 2014 14th Baltic Peat Producers Forum 25 - 29 August, 2014 Riga, Latvia'. To the right, another box highlights 'SESSION 3 Peatland restoration in practice' with 'Chairman: Prof. Lars Lundin'. A page indicator '12/18' is visible in the bottom right corner.

Peatlands International 2.2014 and Call for Articles: 3.2014

The newest issue of the IPS members magazine Peatlands International (2.2014) was published on 20 June at www.peatlandsinternational.wordpress.com and in our intranet document database with the following articles:

- Hannu Salo's Editorial: Let us interact - face to face and online
- Anne Tolvanen's Viewpoint: Ecological Restoration attracts people to SER2014 European Conference in Oulu
- Tributes to IPS Honorary President Allan Robertson (15 Jan 1925 - 7 Feb 2014)
- 20th Peatland Ecology Research Group Symposium on the Responsible Management of Peatlands: Involvement of the Industrial Sector
- The EU-funded Tellus Border Soil Carbon Project; Using Airborne Geophysical Data for Soil Carbon and Peat Depth Assessment
- Conference Report: International Peloid Congress in Bad Bayersoien 2014
- Guardians of the North Selangor Peat Swamp Forests
- Peatlands sessions at the International Wetlands Conference Huesca 2014
- Peat producer increases market share with turnkey plant
- New Latvian peat production book after half a century interval
- Sharing peat perspectives: A workshop in Sweden
- World wide call for information about culture aspects of peat and peatlands
- In the Bog, Sheffield 2014

We now ask you to submit announcements and reports for the September issue (3.2014). For the full writer's instructions see www.peatsociety.org/publications/peatlands-international. Submission deadline is **1 August 2014**. To speed up the editing process, we ask all authors to have their papers checked by a native English speaker before submission, wherever possible (e.g. www.englishproofread.com). The Editorial Board of Peatlands International reserves the right to select, edit and shorten papers, if necessary. Also a few more advertisements of our corporate and institute members are very welcome. In case you are an IPS member but not receiving Peatlands International automatically by email, please contact us at ips@peatsociety.org.

IPS Annual Report 2013 Available

The IPS Secretariat has published the Annual Report of the Society for 2013, to be formally approved at the Annual Assembly of National Representatives in Riga on 28 August. To learn more about our 2013 activities, and to read the reports of our local associations and commissions, go to <http://bit.ly/TImBaH> and download the PDF file to your hard drive. We thank all volunteers for their input during the previous year and hope for an impressive year also in 2014.

Consultation for Scotland's National Peatland Plan

Scottish Natural Heritage launched a National Peatland Plan Consultation document on 6 June 2014, setting out proposals and some questions on Scotland's Peatlands, and including contributions from different Scottish and British stakeholders. By commenting on Scotland's National Peatland Plan you can influence the future of these special habitats and how they contribute to many aspects of life in Scotland. To obtain a digital copy of the full Consultation Document, Commissioned Reports and Respondee Forms, visit www.snh.gov.uk/climate-change/what-snh-is-doing/peatland-action/national-peatland-plan. The period of consultation runs from **6 June - 12 September 2014**. More information: Morag Elliott, email: peatlandplan@snh.gov.uk.

Swedish Carbon and Water Cycle Workshop in Umeå

The ICOS Sweden Annual Workshop2014, focusing on interactions between carbon and water cycles in boreal, arctic and sub-arctic ecosystems, will be held **2 - 3 September 2014** at SLU, Umeå, Sweden. The workshop addresses scientists as well as stakeholders and includes a field visit to the measurement stations Svartberget and Degerö in Vindeln. Deadline for both registration and abstract submission is **1 July 2014**. For more information please see www.icos-sweden.se. ICOS RI - Integrated Carbon Observation System Research Infrastructure- is a European research infrastructure to quantify and understand the greenhouse gas balance of the European continent and of adjacent regions. ICOS is a collaboration of 17 European countries and provides long-term observations (20+ years).