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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEAT SOCIETY

The International Peat Society (IPS) is an international, non-governmental and non-profit organization of scientific, industrial and regulatory stakeholders. It is dedicated to fostering the advancement, exchange and communication of scientific, technical and social knowledge and understanding for the wise use of peatlands and peat.

/// FINAL CALL for Nominations: The Wim Tonnis Peat Award 2008

The IPS Secretariat invites all IPS members to submit their proposals for the Wim Tonnis Peat Award 2008. The award was launched in 2005 and is annually conferred on a member of the International Peat Society for a distinguished contribution to the peat and peatland science or industry, especially in the promotion of Wise Use. The Wim Tonnis Peat Award comprises a framed scroll and a cash prize of € 1,000.

Your nomination should be sent to the IPS Secretariat by **31 January 2008**. The award 2008 will be conferred in June at the IPS Annual Assembly in Tullamore, Ireland, during the International Peat Congress. More information: <http://www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=103> and http://www.peatsociety.org/user_files/files/internalregulations2007.pdf (Section XI)

/// Nominations for IPS Executive Board Members

IPS National Committees are invited to make proposals for 2nd Vice President and for IPS Executive Board Members whose four-year-term is over. Please send nominations with a letter of proposal and CV to the IPS Secretariat at latest by 13 February 2008. The time table is binding. The IPS Secretariat will copy the proposals for the National Committees, which will select new members for the IPS Executive Board in the Annual Assembly in Tullamore, 13 June 2008.

For more information visit the IPS website: <http://www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=229>

/// Nominations for IPS Commission Chairs

IPS members are invited to make nominations for IPS Commission Chairs. The nominations must be supported by at least two IPS members. Therefore the nominations can be done also by National Committees or Commissions themselves. Please send your nominations with a letter of proposal and CV to the IPS Secretariat so that they can be received latest by 4 June 2008. After that nominations can be given straight to Secretary General in the International Peat Congress 2008 in Tullamore latest by Wednesday morning 11 June. This timetable allows also Commissions to handle the issue and make nominations in their meetings Tuesday 10th of June. The Executive Board appoints the Chairperson of each Commission in its meeting during the Congress.

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/// Call for Papers: Peatlands International 1/2008

The next issue of Peatlands International, the member magazine of IPS, will be sent to all members and also distributed at the International Peat Congress in June 2008. We warmly welcome your research reports, reviews of conferences and similar events, announcements and in-depth stories about all issues related to peat and peatlands.

If you would like to be among the authors of Peatlands International 1/2008, please contact Ms Carolin Winter at the IPS Secretariat as soon as possible, announcing the topic and length of your article. All contributions should be submitted to carolin.winter@peatsociety.org by **15 February 2008**. Please write your text in MS Word, font Arial 10 pt with single line spacing and without additional formatting. Photos or graphics should be sent separately as high resolution jpg, tif, eps,

psd, or pdf files. Please also remember to submit captions for all illustrations as well as the names of their copyright holders (photographers). To speed up the editing process, we ask all authors to have their papers checked by a native English speaker before submission, wherever possible. The Editorial Board of Peatlands International reserves the right to select, edit and shorten papers, if necessary.

Peatlands International with 3.000 copies is also a remarkable tool for advertisers. Corporate and institutional members of IPS are invited to place their advertisements in the magazine. Please submit your advertisements by **1 March 2008**. More information on Peatlands International and the current Media Kit of the magazine can be found at www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=55. Please note that the advertisement prices have been adjusted.

/// Cultural Aspects of Peat and Peatlands: IPS Commission VIII

Commission VIII will be overhauling its web site the coming months. The Commission will give a notice when this is sufficiently ready - the web site is of course never completely ready.

In order to give the reader a taste of what can or will be found on the site Commission VIII will send along with PeatNews every now and then a file with a peat related "cultural item". The first item is the painting of Van Gogh "Peat Boat with two figures" (1883). This painting is owned by the Drents Museum ©, Assen, the Netherlands (www.drentsmuseum.nl).



Van Gogh "Peat Boat with two figures" (1883). © Drents Museum, Assen, the Netherlands

/// Upcoming IPS events

- **IPS Executive Board Meeting No. 39**, Brussels, Belgium, 13 – 15 March 2008
- **13th International Peat Congress: After Wise Use - The Future of Peatlands** Tullamore, Ireland, 8 - 14 June 2008, More info: www.ipcireland2008.com
- **IPS Executive Board Meeting No. 40**, Tullamore, Ireland, 8 and 13 June 2008
- **IPS Scientific Advisory Board Meeting No. 8**, Tullamore, Ireland, 8 June 2008
- **IPS Annual Assembly of National Representatives**, Tullamore, Ireland, 13 June 2008

For further upcoming IPS events please visit <http://peatsociety.org/index.php?id=47>.

Other events

- **Bioenergy World Europe**
Verona, Italy, 7 - 10 February 2008, More info: www.bioenergy-world.com/europe/2008/
- **11th Ukraine International Agriculture and Horticulture Exhibition**
Kiev, Ukraine, 12 -14 February 2008, More info: www.bto-exhibitions.nl
- **First Symposium on Horticulture in Europe**
Vienna, Austria, 17 - 20 February 2008, More info: www.she2008.eu
- **Salon du Végétal**
Angers, France, 20 - 22 February 2008, More info: www.salon-du-vegetal.com
- **4th Annual Brussels Climate Change Conference - EU Climate Change Policy after Bali**
Brussels, Belgium, 26 - 27 February 2008, More info: www.climate-policy.eu
- **FLORALL Spring Fair**
Ghent, Belgium, 4 - 5 March 2008, More info: www.florall.be
- **World Floral Expo 2008**, Florida, USA, 4 - 6 March 2008, More info: www.hpp.nl
- **World Sustainable Energy Days 2008**
Wels, Austria, 5 - 7 March 2008, Deadline for the submission of abstracts is 10 October 2007, More info: <http://www.wsed.at/wsed/index.php?id=217&L=1>
- **Hortec 2008**, Nairobi, Kenya, 12 - 14 March 2008, More info: www.hpp.nl
- **First International Symposium on Woody Ornamentals of the Temperate Zone**
Pruhonice (near Prague), Czech Republic, 26 - 30 May 2008
More info: www.woodyornamentals.cz
- **Hortifloorexpo**
Beijing, China, 9 - 12 April 2008, More info: www.hortifloorexpo.com
- **10th International Symposium on Flower Bulbs and Herbaceous Perennials**
Lisse, The Netherlands, 20 - 24 April 2008, More info: www.isfbp2008.wur.nl
- **Flora Olomouc Spring Season, International Horticulture Exhibition and Fair**
Olomouc, Czech Republic, 20 - 27 April 2008, Mail to: info@flora-ol-cz
- **International Symposium on Plants for People and Places**
London, United Kingdom, 27 April - 7 May 2008,
More info: www.plantsforpeopleandplaces.org
- **First International Symposium on Woody Ornamentals of the Temperate Zone**
Pruhonice (near Prague), Czech Republic, 26 - 30 May 2008,
More info: www.woodyornamentals.cz
- **International Mire Conservation Group (IMCG) Excursion, Scientific Symposium and General Assembly** Georgia/Armenia, 27 August - 11 September 2008
More info: www.imcg.net
- **EnergiaForum 2008**
Tampere, Finland, 28 - 30 October 2008, More info: www.energia.fi
- **"Healthy Wetlands, Healthy People"**
10th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands
Changwon, Republic of Korea, 28 October - 4 November 2008

For further upcoming peat-related events please visit <http://peatsociety.org/index.php?id=77>