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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.

/// IPS New Logo!

The International Peat Society has a new logo, designed by advertising agency Zeniitti Oy from Jyväskylä, Finland, motivated by the IPS logo competition.

IPS National Committees and Commissions or other organizations authorized to use the IPS logo should update it. In order to get the new IPS logo file and graphic instructions, please contact Ms Carolin Winter at the IPS Secretariat: carolin.winter@peatsociety.org

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

The next issue of Peatlands International, the member magazine of IPS, will be published in International Peat Congress 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.

/// 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 4th of June 2008. After that nominations can be given straight to Secretary General in the International Peat Congress 2008 in Tullamore latest by Wednesday morning 11th of 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. Appointees shall be introduced to the IPS General Assembly of Members during last Congress day, Friday 13th of June 2008.

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/// 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. Your nomination should be sent to the IPS Secretariat by 31 January 2008.

The Wim Tonnis Peat Award 2008 will be conferred in June 2008 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)

/// Cultural Aspects of Peatlands and Peat, A Swedish Approach

A “call for information”, was distributed in Sweden in October 2003 to members of the Swedish National Committee of the IPS and other people interested in peat and peatlands, to contribute to a collection of texts about cultural aspects like literature and art. The result of the call has been divided into chapters of which the first three are translated from Swedish into English: 1. Sten-Ove Pettersson’s Reflections and Memories, 2. The Use of Peatlands, 3. Peat Archeology.

The text is available as PDF at the IPS webpage. <http://peatsociety.org/index.php?id=196>

/// International Conference on Implementing Environmental Water Allocations

The International Conference on Implementing Environmental Water Allocations will be held from 23 – 26 February 2009 at the Feather Market Convention Centre, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

The theme of the conference is promoting the sustainable use of rivers, wetlands, estuaries and groundwater. Objectives include identifying and critiquing global trends in the implementation of environmental water allocations as well as sharing knowledge and skills.

More info about the conference and call for papers on the IPS website: <http://www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=77>

/// Precipitation-Induced Runoff and Leaching from Milled Peat Mining Mires by Peat Types: a Comparative Method for Estimating the Loading of Water Bodies during Peat Production

PhD thesis, Department of Geology, University of Helsinki

This research project in environmental geology has arisen out of an observed need to be able to predict more accurately the loading of watercourses with detrimental organic substances and nutrients from already existing and planned peat production areas, since the authorities’ capacity for insisting on such predictions covering the whole duration of peat production in connection with evaluations of environmental impact is at present highly limited. National and international decisions regarding monitoring of the condition of watercourses and their improvement and

restoration require more sophisticated evaluation methods in order to be able to forecast watercourse loading and its environmental impacts at the stage of land-use planning and preparations for peat production. The present project thus set out from the premise that it would be possible on the basis of existing mire and peat data properties to construct estimates for the typical loading from production mires over the whole duration of their exploitation.

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The whole thesis can be downloaded at: <http://urn.fi/URN:ISBN:978-952-10-2621-8>

/// Upcoming IPS events

- **IPS Executive Board Meeting**, 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

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

/// Other events

- **International Green Week**, Berlin, Germany, 18 -27 January 2008,
More info: http://www1.messe-berlin.de/vip8_1/website/MesseBerlin/htdocs/www.gruenewoche.de/index_e.html
- **IPM Essen, International Plant Fair**, Essen, Germany, 24 -27 January 2008
More info: <http://www.ipm-messe.de/?lang=en>
- **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
- **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
- **International Mire Conservation Group (IMCG), Permafrost Peatlands and Climate Meetings and Excursion in Yakutia**, More info: www.imcg.net
- **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 new!**
Tampere, Finland, 28 - 30 October 2008
More info: www.energia.fi

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

The IPS Secretariat sends

*Best wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*