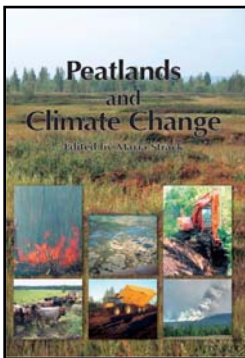


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News of the International Peat Congress 2008

- **510 Delegates from 29 Countries Registered**
According to latest information of the IPC Congress Office, 510 delegates from 29 countries have registered for the International Peat Congress in Tullamore, Ireland, 8 - 14 June 2008.
- **Irish Prime Minister to open Peat Congress**
The 13th International Peat Congress will be opened on Monday 9th June by An Taoiseach (Irish Prime Minister) Mr Brian Cowen T.D.
- **Minister to speak at IPS Book Launch ‘Peatlands and Climate Change’**
The Irish Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Mr Eamon Ryan T.D. will speak at the launch of the IPS book ‘Peatlands and Climate Change’ on the first day of the Peat Congress, Monday 9th June. The book ‘Peatlands and Climate Change’ offers a summary of available knowledge and helps to understand the role of peatlands and peat within the current context of global climate change. (See below)
- **Congress Welcome Desk at Dublin Airport**
Delegates travelling to the 13th International Peat Congress via Dublin Airport should be aware that there will be a Congress Welcome Desk at the airport on Saturday 7th June and Sunday 11th June.
- **Visit the Congress Website!**
Delegates coming to the Congress are advised to consult the website www.ipcIreland2008.com as the organisers hope to keep it updated as the Congress approaches.

NEW Book “Peatlands and Climate Change” available at the International Peat Congress



The book “Peatlands and Climate Change” will be launched at the International Peat Congress 2008 in Tullamore, Ireland.

The IPS Working Group on Peatlands and Climate Change, which was established 2005, worked for two years on the 223-pages book. The task of the Working Group was to compile a summary of available knowledge in order to help the IPS and other actors to understand the role of peatlands and peat within the current context of global climate change. Once better informed, actors can promote further actions into the topic of peatlands in relation to global climate change. The IPS hopes the book “Peatlands and Climate Change” is one step ahead in the road of wise use of peatlands and peat.

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The book "Peatlands and Climate Change" will be launched at the International Peat Congress 2008 in Tullamore, Ireland, and will be available at the IPS stand. The special price for IPC delegates is 10 euro. The book will be available at the IPS online shop after the Congress for the normal price of 22 euro.

/// 13th International Peat Congress: Revised schedule for business and technical meetings

Meeting	Date and time	Place
I.P.S. Scientific Advisory Board	Sunday 8 June 09.00	Bridge House Hotel, Millennium Room
Organising Committee	Sunday 8 June 10.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, Sterling Boardroom
I.P.S. Executive Board	Sunday 8 June 13.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, Sterling Boardroom
Briefing for Chairs of Sessions	Sunday 8 June 16.00	Bridge House Hotel, Millennium Room
Energy Peat W.G.	Sunday 8 June 16.00	Bridge House Hotel, Balcony Room
I.P.S./I.M.C.G. Terminology Group	Sunday 8 June 16.00	Bridge House Hotel, Club Room
I.P.S./I.M.C.G. Seminar	Monday 9 June 14.40	Bridge House Hotel, Millennium Room
I.P.S./I.M.C.G. meeting	Tuesday 10 June 14.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, Manly Suite
Presentation on a proposed certification process	Tuesday 10 June 16.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, DE Williams 3
I.P.S. Commission I	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, DE Williams 2
I.P.S. Commission II	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, DE Williams 3
I.P.S. Commission III	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, Goodbody 1&2
I.P.S. Commission IV	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, Goodbody 3&4
I.P.S. Commission V	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, Manly Suite
I.P.S. Commission VI	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Bridge House Hotel, Westend Room
I.P.S. Commission VII	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Bridge House Hotel, Club Room
I.P.S. Commission VIII	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Bridge House Hotel, Ballroom
CARBOPEAT management meeting	Tuesday 10 June 17.00	Bridge House Hotel, Millennium Bar
I.P.S. Executive Board	Thursday 12 June 08.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, Restaurant area
BOGLAND meeting	Thursday 12 June 14.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, Manly Suite
National Committees Round Table	Thursday 12 June 15.50	Tullamore Court Hotel, Goodbody 1&2
I.P.S. Annual Assembly	Friday 13 June 10.30	Tullamore Court Hotel, DE Williams Suite
I.P.S. General Assembly	Friday 13 June 11.00	Tullamore Court Hotel, DE Williams Suite
I.P.S. Executive Board	Friday 13 June 12.30	Tullamore Court Hotel, Manly Suite

IPS Commissions members: Please note the change in timetable - Commission meetings begin on Tuesday, 10 June at 17.00.

Congress delegates are kindly invited to participate the session "Presentation on a proposed certification process" on Tuesday, 10 June at 16.00.

/// 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.

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

/// Upcoming IPS events

- **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. 41**, Tullamore, Ireland, 8 June 2008
- **Scientific Advisory Board Meeting No. 8**, Tullamore, Ireland, 8 June 2008
- **Commission II, Energy Peat Working Group Meeting**, Tullamore, Ireland, 8 June 2008
- **IPS Commissions Meetings**, Tullamore, Ireland, 10 June 2008
- **IPS Executive Board Meeting No. 42**, Tullamore, Ireland, 12 June 2008
- **IPS-IMCG Meeting**, Tullamore, during the Congress in June 2008
- **General Assembly & Annual Assembly No. 12**, Tullamore, Ireland, 13 June 2008
- **IPS Executive Board Meeting No. 43**, Tullamore, Ireland, 13 June 2008
- **DGMT-Seminar and Excursion: Mires and Peat**, Zeven, Germany, 19 - 20 September 2008, More info in German: <http://www.dgmtev.de/veranstaltungen.html>
- **IPS Executive Board Meeting No. 44**, Jyväskylä, Finland, end of November

/// Other events

- **World Biofuels Forum 2008**
Prague, Czech Republic, 9 - 11 June 2008, More info: www.wbfevent.com
- **Flower Trials of pot plants and breeding plants**
Aalsmeer and Westland Region, The Netherlands, 11 - 13 June 2008
More info: www.flowertrials.nl
- **Euro Trials of bedding and balcony novelties**
Germany and The Netherlands, 11 - 13 June 2008, More info: www.euro-trials.com
- **IX International Symposium on Postharvest of Ornamentals**
Aarhus, Denmark, 11 -14 August 2008, More info: www.postharvestsymposium.dk
- **International Symposium and Workshop on Tropical Peatland (Kuching 2008)**
Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, 19 - 22 August 2008
More info: www.frst.unimas.my/iswtp_kch08
- **Flora Olomouc Summer Season, International Horticulture Exhibition and Fair**
Olomouc, Czech Republic, 21 - 24 August 2008, Mail to: info@flora-ol-cz
- **International Mire Conservation Group (IMCG)
Excursion, Scientific Symposium and General Assembly**
Georgia/Armenia, 27 August - 11 September 2008, More info: www.imcg.net
- **Flowers 2008**
Moscow, Russia, 28 - 30 August 2008, More info: www.hpp.nl
- **4th International Flora Expo 2008 and 3rd International Landscape Expo 2008 new!**
Pragati Maidan, New Dehli, 14 - 16 September 2008, More info: www.floraexpo.com

- **Glee 2008**, Birmingham, United Kingdom, 21 - 23 September 2008
More info: www.gleebirmingham.com
- **FlorEquador, Agriflor 2008**
Quito, Ecuador, 24 - 27 September 2008, More info: www.hpp.nl
- **International Horti Fair**
Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 14 - 17 October 2008, More info: www.hortifair.nl
- **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
More info: http://www.ramsar.org/cop10/cop10_doc01_e.htm
- **International Flower Expo Tokyo (IFEX)**
Tokyo, Japan, 30 October - 1 November 2008, More info: www.ifex.jp/english
- **RAMSAR: 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties**
28 October - 4 November 2008, More info: http://www.ramsar.org/index_cop10_e.htm

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