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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.

/// Tropical Peatland Conference in Indonesia 27 - 31 August - 2nd Circular now available

The Second Circular on the International Symposium and Workshop on Tropical Peatland “Carbon-Climate-Human Interactions - Carbon Pools, Fire, Mitigation, Restoration and Wise Use”, which will be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on **27 - 31 August 2007**, is now available at <http://www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=47>. The event is a major opportunity to present the most up to date scientific information on tropical peatlands derived from the EU RESTORPEAT and similar projects. Also at the conference, the new CARBOPEAT project funded by the European Union will be launched (<http://www.geog.le.ac.uk/carbopeat/>). Naturally, the event will focus on the over-riding problems of fire in tropical peatland and present strategies for fire awareness, prevention and suppression. A stakeholder’s forum on wise use of tropical peatland will be one important part of the conference. To strengthen the cooperation between IPS and its partners in Southeast Asia, the IPS Executive Board Meeting will be held at the same venue, complemented by meetings with government officials, local NGO’s and an excursion to the most significant areas. More information and registration at: <http://soil.faperta.ugm.ac.id/CT>.

/// International Peat Congress, Tullamore, Ireland, 8 - 13 June 2008: 2nd Circular now available

The 2nd Circular of the International Peat Congress 2008 is now available. It includes, among other information:

- The Call for Papers – please note: abstract submission deadline is 30 September 2007!
- A preliminary programme outline
- Information on 10 different field trips as well as the post-congress tour on peatland management issues in Ireland
- Introductions of the keynote speakers at the opening session: John Feehan (Ireland), Edward Maltby (UK), David Bellamy (UK) and Matti Hilli (Finland)
- Introductions of special session keynote speakers: Bambang Setiadi (Indonesia, Tropical Peatlands special session), Gerd Lüttig (Germany, Commission VI special session), Wayne Skaggs (North Carolina, Ecohydrology special session)
- Accommodation and registration information and prices: student and low-income country registration fees available

The same information can also be found at www.ipcireland2008.com.

/// Baltic Peat Forum 23- 25 August, Palanga, Lithuania

This year’s forum’s theme is the “Exploitation of peat bogs and nature and environment protection problems”. The Lithuanian peat producers association invites visitors from State Government Institutions as well as from other countries. Official languages are Lithuanian, English and Russian. Participation is for free (excluding hotel services). More information at www.asocdurpes.lt or info@asocdurpes.lt.

/// Call for Papers and Advertisements: Peatlands International 2/2007

The next issue of Peatlands International, the member magazine of IPS, will be published in November/December. 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 2/2007, please contact IPS Project Manager Varpu Savolainen as soon as possible, announcing the topic and length of your article. All contributions should be submitted to varpu.savolainen@peatsociety.org by **15 September 2007**. 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 3000 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 **30 September 2007**. More information on Peatlands International and the current Media Kit of the magazine can be found at www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=55.

/// Let the IPS Online Forum become alive!

Do not let spam writers be the most active participants, but join the conversation on peat and peatlands in general, on wise use, peatlands and climate change and the new event guidelines, on our Commissions, national issues and everything else peat-related that you find interesting to talk about. Members have access to all forums, guests can participate in a limited choice of forums. To join the forum, please visit www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=211.

/// Land tax exemption possible in France for property in wetlands

Partial or full exemption is possible for owners of non-built land in wetland areas if they undertake actions to preserve it. The decree describing the conditions is available at <http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/WAspad/UnTexteDeJorf?numjo=DEVO0640054D>.

/// Exhibition "Climate Change: I can change the future", United Kingdom

The exhibition which opened on 13 July 2007 in Dartmoor National Park (the UK's largest natural carbon reserve with 500 km² of peatland) and which is also available online at www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk will be on display at the High Moorland Visitor Centre, Princetown, until 10 October 2007 and will then be on tour, visiting venues around the south west of England in 2008 and 2009. More information at http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/text/index/aboutus/au-in-news/au-geninterestnews/au_ccpr0707.htm.

/// New future member of IPS Secretariat?

On 25 May 2007, Miss **Frida Aili Jolanda Pasanen** was born in Jyväskylä, Finland, weighing 3320 g and 48 cm tall - while IPS were holding their dinner at the Annual Assembly in Riga. Frida is doing well and starting to laugh. Her parents are very busy, but happy! Communication Manager **Susann Warnecke** from IPS Secretariat would like to thank all her colleagues, who supported her during pregnancy and who send congratulations by email or post.

/// Upcoming IPS events

- ISHS-IPS Joint Symposium
International Symposium on Growing Media and Hydroponics
Nottingham, UK, 2 - 9 September 2007
More information: www.ishs.org, www.ntu.ac.uk/science/school_news/ishs
PLEASE NOTE ESPECIALLY: Peat in Horticulture, 6 September 2007
- French National Committee
International Conference "Peat and Peatlands 2007 - Peat in horticulture and the rehabilitation of mires after peat extraction: which issues for tomorrow?"
Lamoura, French Jura, 8 - 11 October 2007, possibility to join a field trip 5-7 October 2007
Information leaflet: http://www.pole-tourbieres.org/docs/depliant_colloque-Lamoura07.pdf
Websites: www.pole-tourbieres.org,
http://www.pole-tourbieres.org/Colloque_2007_anglais.htm
- **IPS Commission II meeting** in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, during HortiFair, 12 October 2007.
- **IPS Commission VI Bad Neydharting Round Table Conference**, Vlotho, Germany, 2 - 4 November 2007. Please contact: Gerd Lüttig +49 5141 930200
- **IPS Scientific Advisory Board meeting 7**, preliminarily planned to be held in Vlotho, Germany, 2 - 4 November 2007.

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

/// Upcoming other events

- **Bioenergy 2007**
The International Bioenergy Conference and Exhibition 2007 takes place from **3-6 September 2007** in Jyväskylä, Finland. The programme is now available and you can also register at www.finbioenergy.fi/bioenergy2007.
- **The new European financial instruments 2007-2013: Energy & Environment**
International workshop, St. Julians, Malta, 20 - 21 September 2007
More information at: http://www.eutrainingsite.com/open_details.php?id=2
- Technical University Munich in cooperation with the IPS German National Committee
Climate protection through mire conservation? Freising, Germany, 5-6 October 2007
More information: http://www.imcg.net/docum/dgmt_climate_07.pdf or contact the German NC via www.dgmtv.de.
- **World Sustainable Energy Days 2008** from 5 - 7 March 2008 in Wels, Austria

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