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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.

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

/// Peatlands International 2/2007: There is still room for your article or advertisement!

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** to varpu.savolainen@peatsociety.org. More information on Peatlands International and the current Media Kit of the magazine can be found at www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=55.

/// Start a conversation in the IPS Online Forum, let others become interested in joining!

You are a member in the IPS Forum? Then start writing on a peat-related subject you are interested in. Inspire others to join the conversation on peat and peatlands in general, on wise use, peatlands and climate change, the new IPS event guidelines, on our Commissions, national and other peat-related issues.

If you want to join the forum as a new member, visit www.peatsociety.org/index.php?id=211. IPS members have access to all forums, guests can participate in a limited choice of forums.

/// Integration Programme between Bord na Móna and AES initiated

On July 3rd, a special Integration Meeting was held to initiate this programme, which “will harmonize operations, processes, policies and procedures between Bord na Móna and AES [Advanced Environmental Solutions (Ireland) Ltd] in order to attain commercial and financial synergy whilst at the same time meeting with the strategic objectives of the Bord na Móna Group of companies”. (Source: Scéal na Móna, August 2007)

The acquisition of AES was completed on May 14th this year. “AES is one of Ireland’s largest Waste Management businesses, serving over 6,000 commercial customers and some 55,000 households through a network of Waste Transfer Centres and Recycling facilities.” The acquisition “is a key element of Bord na Móna’s strategy of diversification to Waste Management and Power Generation and follows the acquisition of Edenderry Power from E.ON U.K. Plc in December last year.” (Source: <http://www.bnm.ie/environmental/index.jsp?pID=113&nID=120&aID=618>)

/// Carolin Winter – new assistant in the IPS Secretariat from 1 September 2007

From 1 September 2007, Ms Carolin Winter will assist the IPS Secretariat and replace Katharina Neff, our current trainee. She will be working for IPS until summer 2008, i.e. until Communications Manager Susann Warnecke will be back from her maternity leave.

Ms Carolin Winter from Germany has already worked as a trainee at the IPS Secretariat in summer 2005. Now she is studying for a Master’s degree in Intercultural Communication at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, after having completed a Bachelor’s degree in Communication and Cultural Management at Zeppelin University in Friedrichshafen, Germany.

Starting from September, she can be contacted at International Peat Society, Vapaudenkatu 12, FIN-40100 Jyväskylä, Finland, phone: +358 14 338 5440, fax: +358 14 338 5410, email: carolin.winter@peatsociety.org.

/// 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

- 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 National Committee via www.dgmtv.de.
- 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
Registration: <http://www.sylver-tours.com/congres/lamoura2007/> (go to English version).
Website: www.pole-tourbieres.org (information in English available)

- **IPS Commission II meeting** in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 12 October 2007, during HortiFair (9 - 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>.

/// 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
- **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>.