

# Peatland Snippets



Peat News for members and friends of the International Peatland Society

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The International Peatland Society (IPS) is an organisation of individual and corporate members dedicated to the responsible management and Wise Use of peatlands and peat. Our mission is to serve all those involved in peatlands and peat through the promotion, gathering, exchange and communication of knowledge and experience, by means of events and projects which address key issues, including climate change, biodiversity, the need for responsible use and restoration. Currently the IPS has 1495 individual, corporate, student and institutional members from 42 countries.

## Write for Peatlands International!

Peatlands International 3.2017 will be published as PDF magazine in September 2017. Please send your articles, short news items and other reports of interest by **4 September** (final deadline!) to the IPS Secretariat, susann.warnecke (at) peatlands.org. Articles should not exceed 1-2 pages in Arial pt 10, all illustrations must be submitted with captions as separate jpg or pdf files. Remember to ask all photographers for permissions and include their names as well as full author contact details. Peatlands International is the members magazine of the IPS, published since 1998. Previous issues can be found in the Intranet of the IPS website or ordered from the IPS Secretariat (printed until 2013). Also advertisements can still be submitted (preferably PDF, A4). Further info and the media kit for advertisers are available at [www.peatlands.org/publications](http://www.peatlands.org/publications).



## Preview IPS Jubilee Symposium 2018

The Dutch National Committee of the IPS has the pleasure to invite all IPS members and other interested persons to the IPS 50 Year's Jubilee Symposium "Peatlands: past, present and future" (working title) in 2018. The venue will be in **Rotterdam** and the dates are set now to **11 - 13 September 2018**. Please mark your calendars already now! The preliminary programme includes keynote speeches and parallel sessions as well as an icebreaking party on Tuesday, lectures on 4-6 sites on Wednesday (focusing on landscape history, soils subsidence, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and water control) plus a gala party on the same evening, followed by visits to high tech horticulture and peat application sites on Thursday. Discussions will deal with social, economic and environmental aspects of peat and peatlands, including worldwide peat demand forecasts, with special focus on Asia. The event will be closed by a panel discussion. Also additional excursions are possible, e.g. to flower auctions, potting soil companies or machinery and other suppliers. If you have more ideas and proposals, please contact Guus van Berckel vanberckel (at) griendtsveen.de as soon as possible.

## Proceedings of Aberdeen 2017 and IPC 2016 on the Intranet



The abstracts of the **IPS Annual Convention 2017** in Aberdeen and the proceedings of the **15th International Peat Congress 2016** in Kuching, Malaysia have been uploaded to the IPS intranet last month. All 776 pages of oral and, so far, 200 pages of poster presentations (more to come) of the Congress can now be found at [www.peatlands.org/publications/documentbank](http://www.peatlands.org/publications/documentbank). All IPS members can access the PDF files for free, part of the summaries is visible also to non-registered users. User names are the first part of your email before the @ or firstname.lastname, respectively. If you have lost your password, please request a new one at [www.peatlands.org/user/password](http://www.peatlands.org/user/password). The themes of the oral Congress presentations are: Inventory, biodiversity, conservation & functions of peatlands (Theme 1), Peatlands & ecosystem management (Theme 2), Peatlands after-use, restoration & rehabilitation of ex-production peatlands (Theme 3), Peat use, peatlands technology & agro-technology (Theme 4), Responsible utilization & management of peatlands (Theme 5), Cultural, educational, medicinal & socio-economic aspects of peatlands, peat & sapropel (Theme 6) and a Special session on soft soil engineering (Theme 7). The

International Peat Congress 2016 was attended by some 1,000 peat and peatland experts from all over the world, see also [www.ipc2016.com](http://www.ipc2016.com). The proceedings were handed over to all participants on USB memory sticks. Special thanks go to IPS summer intern Tuuli Timperi for supporting the Secretariat in uploading these documents. (Photo: IPC 2016)

## Anna Hackstein new CEO of German Garden Industry Association

Anna Hackstein will lead the German Garden Industry Association (IVG) as Managing Director as of **1 September 2017**. She has been working for more than 10 years in PR and communications and was responsible for IVG's marketing and communications since 2015. Former CEO Johannes Welsch left the association in January. For IPS members, especially the department on substrates, soils and raw materials (Fachabteilung Substrate, Erden und Ausgangsstoffe), driven by Arne Hückstädt and Tanja Constabel, is of relevance: [www.ivg.org/de/der-ivg/fachabteilungen/sea](http://www.ivg.org/de/der-ivg/fachabteilungen/sea). For the full press release (in German) visit [www.ivg.org/de/presse/pressemitteilungen-ivg/ivg-pm-20170804.html](http://www.ivg.org/de/presse/pressemitteilungen-ivg/ivg-pm-20170804.html).

## Peatlands for Birds in Sheffield in September

A conference on "Peatlands for Birds - Issues & Opportunities in Re-constructing Peat Landscapes in uplands & lowlands" will be held during **6 - 8 September 2017** in Sheffield, UK. The meeting will address key issues of how Britain's peatlands could or should be managed and restored so that they provide a future resilient and sustainable habitat at landscape level. This will be a major national conference with relevance to wider international issues as well that will bring together landowners, managers, practitioners and key academics to examine the ecological and conservation issues for the restoration of upland and lowland peatlands specifically, for birds. The first day (6th September) starts late-morning with presentations followed by a field visit in the afternoon/early evening. The following two days will be a mixture of plenary and parallel sessions with poster presentations and displays. On the evening of the 7th September, participants will be able to book for a trip along the Tinsley Canal to see an alternative side to Sheffield and some of the birdlife that flourishes there. Speakers include: Professor Des Thompson, John Calladine, Andreas Heinemeyer, Richard Lindsay, Pat Thompson, Ian Rotherham, and Mark Eddowes plus representatives from BASC, Natural England, the Heather Trust, Lakenheath Fen and others. For more information and to register, see [www.ukeconet.org/peatlandsforbirds.html](http://www.ukeconet.org/peatlandsforbirds.html).

## Biodiversity: Experiences and Best Practices for Protected Areas

The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) invites parties and other experts to undertake a review of experiences on:

- Protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, taking into account the work of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and other appropriate expert bodies;
- Additional measures to enhance integration of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures into the wider land- and seascapes;
- Mainstreaming of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures across sectors to contribute, inter alia, to the Sustainable Development Goals and as natural solutions to combat climate change; and
- Effective governance models for management of protected areas, including equity, taking into account work being undertaken under Articles 8(j).

Aim is to develop voluntary guidance on the elements listed above. Please provide the CBD Secretariat with information related to your experiences, as well as best practices and lessons learned on the above items no later than **30 August 2017** to secretariat (at) cbd.int. This information will be used to report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. Further info: [www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-065-pa-en.pdf](http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-065-pa-en.pdf). (CBD)

## Climate Smart Agriculture on Organic Soils

IPS members are invited to attend an International Conference on Climate Smart Agriculture on Organic Soils, to be held in Uppsala, Sweden during **23 - 24 November 2017**. Registration deadline is **22 September 2017**, a higher fee will be charged afterwards. Abstracts not exceeding 300 words can be submitted also until 22 of September 2017. For more instructions for registration, abstract submission and payment see [www.slu.se/CAOSconference](http://www.slu.se/CAOSconference) or contact kerstin.berglund (at) sl.u.se and/or orjan.berglund (at) sl.u.se. The Conference is organized by the CAOS project.