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1. Countdown for the 6th ESP Conference in Bali (26–30 August)
The countdown for Bali is running (only 7 weeks to go...) and an Update of the overall program, keynote speakers and other details are available on the website now. We are currently finalising the schedule for the 45 sessions (10 Special Sessions, 20 Workshops and 18 Open Topic sessions) and will place this online shortly after July 10.

- **Field trips**: those of you who indicated their interest to participate in one of the 5 fieldtrips will soon receive a message in which you should indicate your preference(s). Have a look on the [conference website](http://www.espconference.org) so you can prepare your choice.
- **Registration**: if you did not register yet, make sure to do so a.s.a.p. because space in the venue is limited. Also make sure to make your travel arrangements timely, esp. in case you need a visa (see the [conference website](http://www.espconference.org)).
- **Spread the word**: attached is a new conference flyer. We would appreciate if you could forward this in your own network(s) as soon as possible.

2. Post-conference Professional Training Sessions
There are still a few places for the SGA/InVest training session (2,5 days: 30 Aug – 2 Sep) and the TEEB valuing Water and Wetlands training on Saturday (30 Aug). There is a maximum for both trainings so make sure to [register soon](http://www.espconference.org) in case you are interested.

For both trainings it is possible to obtain a scholar- or sponsorship

3. ESP Governance
As announced some time ago, the ESP-Executive Committee is working on a proposal for further developing the governance structure of the Partnership. Two important steps are the approval of the By-laws and the formation of an elected Steering Committee.

- **By-laws**: all paying/full ESP members should have received a message last week that they can express their opinion about the draft by-laws which we want to have finalised and adopted before 'Bali'. In case you are a paying member and did not receive that message, please let us know by sending a message to [support@es-partnership.org](mailto:support@es-partnership.org)
- **Steering Committee**: all paying/full ESP members will soon receive a message inviting them to nominate themselves for the Steering Committee which is to be elected after Bali (details of the role of the Steering Committee and the election process will be provided in Bali during the ESP Member meeting on Monday-afternoon)

ESP Events
- 6th Annual International ESP Conference 2013
  Bali, Indonesia
  26–30 August 2013
  More information on the [Conference website](http://www.espconference.org)
  [Register now!](http://www.espconference.org)

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