



## ESP Update No.2013/09

July 30, 2013

### 6th Annual International ESP Conference 2013

*Making ecosystem services count!*

26–30 August 2013, Bali, Indonesia

#### 1. Final update re the 6<sup>th</sup> ESP Conference in Bali (26–30 August)

The Bali-conference is now less than 4 weeks away and every day new information is placed on the [ESP2013 Conference website](#).

**If you plan to attend but did not register yet best do so as soon as possible.**

An important reason for getting together once a year, next to the exchange of ideas and experiences regarding the science, policy and practice of Ecosystem Services, is to hear from our members what is going well with the Partnership and what we can still improve.

There will be a special ESP member-meeting on Monday-afternoon (26 August) but for those who cannot be present, and also for those who are there, we would like to hear your opinion about the Partnership and for that purpose included an informal questionnaire in this Update (see next item).

Note: 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](#) in case you are interested. For both trainings it is possible to obtain a scholar- or sponsorship.

#### 2. ESP Questionnaire

In preparation of the ESP Member-meeting in Bali, we would like to hear from you. Below are a few open questions (after Bali we will conduct a more formal membership-survey to see how we can further improve the Partnership):

1. What do you think are the strengths of the ES-Partnership? (another way of looking at this question is to think why you have become a member and/or signed up to the website and this update, which is now going to over 1100 people).
2. What do you think are the weaknesses and/or aspects that need to be improved?
3. What would you like to see for the future development of the Partnership (this is related to question 2) but focused on possible new activities/services; for example, we are thinking of focusing more on ES-User groups/-sectors (e.g. tourism, fisheries, forestry, etc.) and engage them in the Partnership through separate working groups; is that a good idea?
4. Any other remarks you want to share and/ or you think we should discuss in Bali

**Please send your answers/suggestions before August 15 to Linda Scholten ([info@es-partnership.org](mailto:info@es-partnership.org)); easiest is if you copy-paste the questions into a separate email message and then type in your answers.**

#### 3. Next (7th) ESP conference

After 4 conferences in Europe, No. 5 in the US (last year) and No. 6 now in SE Asia, we want to move on to 'spread the word' and allow people in other regions to attend the annual ESP conference. We therefore welcome suggestions from you where we should go next year.

Important conditions, apart from that it preferably should not be in Europe, US or SE Asia (although strong proposals from these regions will be considered), is that there is a local host who is able to handle the logistics and that it should preferably in a location where we can organise field-trips to experience how the concept of Ecosystem Services is used in practice.

A more formal call for proposals to host the next ESP conference will follow soon but you are welcome to send informal suggestions to [dolf.degroot@wur.nl](mailto:dolf.degroot@wur.nl) by [dolf.degroot@wur.nl](mailto:dolf.degroot@wur.nl) by **August 20**.

#### 4. ESP Governance

**Bylaws** - The deadline for the voting for the bylaws has been extended to August 4th. At this moment less than 50% of all paying/full members have voted. Please take 5 minutes to read the bylaws and answer these 3 questions.

**Steering Committee** - The formation of an elected Steering Committee is in progress; we will send a separate message about this later this week or early next week but if you are interested to join the SC, or want to nominate someone else, please send an email to Benjamin Burkhard ([bburkhard@ecology-uni-kiel.de](mailto:bburkhard@ecology-uni-kiel.de)) with cc to Dolf de Groot ([dolf.degroot@wur.nl](mailto:dolf.degroot@wur.nl))

#### 5. Agreement with Elsevier.

We are in the process of signing an agreement with Elsevier to formalise the relationship with ESP. As of next year (2014) they will sponsor our annual conference and paying ESP members can get a subscription on the new [Journal Ecosystem Services](#) for only 30\$/year. Details about this agreement will be provided in due course.

#### ESP Events

- 6th Annual International ESP Conference 2013

Bali, Indonesia

26–30 August 2013

More information on the

[Conference website](#)

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#### ESP Working Groups

##### ● Biome Expert Groups



##### ● Thematic Working Groups



##### ● National ESP Networks



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