



ESP Update No.2013/10

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Dear ESP members and friends,

This is the first Update after the Bali-conference and we would like to make use of this opportunity to thank all of you who were there, and all those who actively contributed to the success of the conference: with 388 registered participants, and 45 sessions almost all participants had a chance to present and discuss their work and we received many positive comments during and after the conference.

Also a big Thank you to our local hosts: Meine van Noordwijk & Leimona Beria, and their very professional (and fun) ICRAF team for a perfect organisation in a very special place!

A more formal evaluation of the conference will follow later; in the meantime check [the conference website](#), where we will be placing videos of the keynotes (including the Indonesian Minister of Environment), interviews and other results over the coming weeks.

1. Special Issues

Make sure to think of publishing the results of your work, either presented in Bali or other Working Group outputs in one of the [ESP-related Journals](#). This can be done quite simple by contacting the Editor in Chief of one of the Journals, who are all active members of ESP.

2. Working Groups

It was very encouraging to see that almost all working groups had a session in Bali and many new initiatives came out of the conference. One highlight is the agreement to create Sectoral Working groups (SWGs) to strengthen the links with the user-communities and beneficiaries of ecosystem services.

One of these SWGs will focus on agriculture and will be led by researchers from CGIAR, FAO and Eco-agriculture. Another SGW will start on Tourism.

We will soon adjust the website to accommodate these working groups so keep an eye out for that and suggestions for SWGs are welcome (send them to Dolf.deGroot@wur.nl)

3. Next (7th) ESP conference will be in Costa Rica

After 4 conferences in Europe, 1 in the US (2012), and 1 in Asia (2013) we will move on to Costa Rica in Latin America in 2014 and we are already in advanced 'negotiations' with our local host of next year: Bernardo Aguilar of Neotropica who will have a hard job topping the 'Bali' conference but we have full confidence in him and his team.

We again would like to focus the afternoon-sessions on ESP Working Groups to present and discuss progress and plans regarding the most 'hot topics' within their field. More news to follow soon.

4. Elections

As announced before and during 'Bali', we are now officially starting the election process for the (30) members of the Steering Committee; all paying members will soon receive a message about that but you can think now already if you would be willing to be nominated for the SC, or know people you would like to nominate.

5. Changes in the Support team

Robert Proos left us as of 1 September to join a Traineeship program of the Dutch government. We see him go with a 'heavy hart': he did an excellent job on the Support team and was a very pleasant colleague. We wish him much success in his new job!

He will be followed-up by Sara Mulder, a long-time employee of the Foundation who has helped set up and manage a very successful program called Nature's Calendar (www.natuurkalender.nl) and she will now join the ESP Support team to help Sander and Linda with the rapidly increasing workload.

6. Discount for ESP members on World Forum on Natural Capital

The World Forum on Natural Capital will be the world's first major global conference devoted to natural capital and will bring together business and sustainability leaders from around the world to address opportunities and risks. The inaugural event will take place at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on 21-22 November 2013.

Speakers at the World Forum include Julia Marton-Lefèvre, Director General of IUCN, Professor Dieter Helm, Chair of the UK Government's Natural Capital Committee and Ivo Mulder, founder of the Natural Capital Declaration. ESP members can save an extra 10% off the cost by quoting "ESP10" at the checkout.

For more information and registration please see: www.naturalcapitalforum.com

We look forward to another productive year and hopefully seeing even more of you in Costa Rica!

Dolf de Groot
on behalf of Executive Committee



Events

[World Forum on Natural Capital](#)
Edinburgh, Scotland
21-22 November 2013

10% discount for ESP members

[Find more information here](#)

7th Annual International ESP
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Costa Rica

More information will follow soon

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