



### ESP Update No.2013/12

November 29, 2013

#### 1. 7th ESP Conference in Costa Rica: 8 – 12 September 2014 - Call for sessions

We already received many questions and suggestions regarding the program of the next ESP conference. The program committee is working on a first draft which will be placed on the website soon. The core of the program provides time and space for the [Working Groups \(Thematic, Biome and Sectoral\)](#) to get together for 1-2 days to discuss progress and plans. In addition, Special Sessions will be organised by the several EU-projects and partner-organisations, and there will be space for Open Topics. We also plan to organise 'ateliers' (addressing local/regional issues) and pre- and post-conference workshops and trainings.

Make sure to reserve the dates and start making plans for workshops, sessions and other activities!

#### 2. Follow-up Bali Conference

- Survey: We would like to thank everyone who completed the Bali conference survey. With 107 respondents (about 25%) the survey provides a good overview of the thoughts and ideas of the participants at the conference. Your comments and suggestions are already guiding us in our preparations for the next ESP conference in Costa Rica 2014. A summary of the survey results will be published on the ESP website soon.
- TEEB interviews: have a look [this link](#) for some interviews held by TEEB (more to find on the Bali-conference website).

#### 3. Elections of the Steering Committee

We received a good response for the call for candidates and we will soon provide further information about the election procedure on the website and next Update.

#### 4. News from Working Groups, Regional Chapters, and National Networks

- The [first YESS Newsletter](#) is out.
- Thematic Working Group 4 "[Mapping Ecosystem Services](#)" prepares a Special Issue on "[Best Practices for Mapping Ecosystem Services](#)" in the Ecosystem Services journal as an outcome of the Bali Sessions on "Mapping, Visualization and Data access tools of Ecosystem Services".
- Thematic Working Group 6B "[Ecosystem Services and Public Health](#)" is planning a world-wide survey on the link between ES and human health; more news will follow soon.

#### 5. Membership

As 2013 is coming to a close, many of you will receive an invitation to renew your full membership. In our old administration system, memberships ran according to the calendar year, now fortunately memberships can start on the 1<sup>st</sup> of any month for a 12-month period. Therefore, if you are a full member you will be reminded to renew your membership automatically. We encourage everyone interested in ESP to register to become full member. We very much hope you will continue to support us!

One exciting new benefit is an (almost) free subscription to the Elsevier Journal 'Ecosystem, Services': as of next year ESP paying members can sign up for 30€/year (more news how that works will follow soon).

#### 6. Other news and ESP-related events

- The [inaugural event of the World Forum on Natural Capital](#) has taken place in Edinburgh at 21-22 November 2013 and already produced an [interesting video statement](#).
- The second plenary of IPBES will be held from 9-12 December in Turkey. Our TWG-Lead and European Regional Chapter Chair Hans Keune will be there. In case other ESP-members will attend, please draw attention to ESP where appropriate and share your impressions with us afterwards.
- Registration for an [international workshop on Agro\(eco\)system Services](#) ( 17-18 February 2014) at the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF) is open.
- Keep on checking the growing list of [News-items](#) and [Upcoming events](#) on the ESP-website for previous messages and interesting links.

As always, we look forward to hear from you!

Dolf de Groot

Also on behalf of the ESP Executive Committee



### Events

Second plenary of IPBES

Antalya, Turkey

December 9-12 2013

Registration is open

[Click here for more information](#)

International workshop on

Agro(eco)system Services

Müncheberg, Germany

February 17-18 2014

Registration is open

[Click here for more information](#)

7th Annual International ESP

Conference 2014

Costa Rica

September 8-12 2014

*More information will follow soon*

### ESP Working Groups

#### Thematic Working Groups



#### Biome Expert Groups



#### Sectoral Working Groups



#### National ESP Networks



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