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1. 7th ESP Conference in Costa Rica: 8 – 12 September 2014

As we prepare for the conference we continue to receive many good suggestions for interesting workshops and other sessions. Deadline for session proposals is March 1st. Send your proposal to [Dolf de Groot](#). Please keep on regularly checking the [conference site](#) for the latest updates regarding the program, venue, registration procedure, etcetera. The first announcement-flyer is attached with this Newsletter. Please distribute it widely within your networks!

2. Results of the Bali survey

The results of the Bali survey will be available on [the Bali-conference website](#) later this week. Many thanks to all who have taken the time to complete the survey and to Linda for the synthesis. Its analyses took some time, partly because of the high response rate: 109 respondents completed the questionnaire and made 258 written comments. We are already using many suggestions for the preparation of 'Costa Rica' and included a summary of main 'Lessons Learned' in the survey-report.

3. ESP Membership 2014 and agreement with Elsevier

We are pleased to announce the finalisation of the arrangement with Elsevier and from now on paying members can receive an online subscription to 'Ecosystem Services' for 30€ a year. Paying members will receive a separate message on how to activate their subscription soon. Together with the reduced fee on ESP conferences and other benefits, we hope many of you will decide to become a paying member which 'pays' in many ways! [Click here to become a paying member.](#)

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

ESP [Thematic Working Group 6B on Ecosystem services and Public Health](#) developed a short survey in order to find out what the views of a range of actors (scientists, policy representatives and others) are on this topic. [Click here for more information](#); [click here to go to the survey directly.](#)

5. IPBES call for Experts!

IPBES is setting up several Task Forces and Expert Groups for which they are now inviting nominations. Your best chance of getting appointed as expert or author would be if you reach out to your national government focal points. A list of the national focal points can be found on the [IPBES website](#). Another option to become nominated is through a 'relevant stakeholder' organization. Relevant stakeholders are defined as: *'qualified national, regional and international scientific organizations, centres of excellence and institutions known for their work and expertise, including experts on indigenous and local knowledge on issues related to the Platform's functions and programme of work'*.

ESP is not a formal Stakeholder organization, but we are in discussion with the IPBES secretariat to change this in future.

In addition to this call for experts, there will be a process for seeking reviewers which will be broader than the process of seeking authors. So, in case you are not selected for authorship roles, there could still be an opportunity to engage as an expert reviewer in the future.

Further information and a form to submit nominations are attached with this Newsletter and can be downloaded from www.ipbes.net. Please note that the deadline is soon: 28 February 2014.

PS: We are in close contact with the IPBES secretariat about their presence at the Costa Rica conference.

6. Other news and ESP-related events

See the growing list of [News-items](#), [Vacancies](#), [Calls for cooperation](#) and [Upcoming events](#) on the ESP-website for new and 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

International workshop on Agro(eco)system Services

Müncheberg, Germany

February 17-18 2014

[Click here for more information](#)

'Governance of Ecosystem Services'

- Workshop and Special Issue

March 10-11 2014

Frankfurt am Main, Germany

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International Spring University on Ecosystem Services Modeling

Bilbao, Spain

March 31 – April 11 2014

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7th Annual International ESP Conference 2014

Costa Rica

September 8-12 2014

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