



ESP Update No.2014/04

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

Abstracts for oral presentations and posters !!

The call for abstracts is open; the deadline has been set at **11 May** to allow sufficient time for review and feedback before the early-bird registration deadline at 1 July 1. To submit your abstract go to the [Abstract submission page](#).

Registration and further information

The registration fee has been fixed now: the early-bird fees (valid until July 1st) are: 275€ (ESP members), 350€ (non- ESP members), 200€ (low-middle income countries, incl. Costa Rica) and 150€ (students). After July 1st the fees will be 20% higher (current exchange rate is about 1.35\$ to 1€).

The registration form will be available in the beginning of May. See the [registration page](#) for further details about the registration procedure.

Sponsoring

We are very pleased with the recent sponsor-commitment from CGIAR. With that and the support from several EU-projects, the conference finances seem in good shape. However, additional sponsoring is very welcome for instance for supporting participation by local community-members and students. [Click here](#) to check sponsorship opportunities.

Please regularly check the ESP 2014 [conference site](#) for the latest updates and continue to announce the conference in your network(s). The flyer is updated and attached with this email. It is also available as download from the [ESP2014 website](#). If you have questions about organisational aspects please contact conference@es-partnership.org.

2. ESP Governance and membership issues

Steering Committee: 2nd round of elections

After the successful elections of the Steering Committee last December, and the confirmation of the Executive Committee, there are still six vacancies. All members in Good Standing are invited to nominate other paying members in Good Standing for this. [Click here](#) to see the list of current ESP Steering Committee members. It is planned to hold a Steering Committee meeting on Sunday-afternoon 7th September before the start of the 7th ESP conference. More news from the SC will follow soon.

3. News from Working Groups, Regional Chapters, National Networks and ESP SERVICES

Request for Online course material on Ecosystem Service themes

Alexander Hellquist (co-lead of the ESP Education & Training Service) plans to organise a session on Education and Training at the ESP 2014 Conference in Costa Rica with the aim to develop guidelines for ES assessments on this topic. To this end he wants to develop a repository of existing online material from ES-related courses. If you know of good ES-related course material, please send it to [Alexander Hellquist](#).

Call for cooperation:

- Call for applications: [SGA Network mentoring scheme](#)
- Call for Regional Evidence on [CBD's Biodiversity Targets](#)
- IPBES invites Nominations for Experts for [2014-2018 Work Programme](#)

4. Other news and ESP-related events

- ESP Chair Dolf de Groot, and EC-members Neville Crossman and Simone Quatrini have been invited to an important event in South Korea (7-9 May) on the promotion of the ES-concept as a tool for sustainable management of the Demilitarized Zone and for bringing the main stakeholders from North & South Korea together to discuss the future of the Zone. The occasion will also be used to sign a memorandum of understanding between ESP and the National Nature Trust, Korea (and Bob Costanza, ESP co-chair, will send a video-message to the opening ceremony).
- ESP co-chair Bob Costanza published a new book *Creating a Sustainable and Desirable Future*. [Click here](#) for more information.

See also 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!

The ESP Support Team



Events

SGA Network webinar 2: Natural Capital Accounting
Webinar
May 6 2014
[Click here for more information](#)

Training on ecosystem services: Transforming Decision with a Natural Capital Approach
Vigo, Spain
May 27 2014
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Advanced Training course: Ecosystem Assessments that Matter
Vigo, Spain
May 28-31 2014
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Ecosystems, Economy and Society Conference
Washington DC, USA
May 29-30 2014
[Click here for more information](#)

7th Annual International ESP Conference 2014
Costa Rica
September 8-12 2014
[Click here for more information](#)

BIOECON Conference 2014: Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services and Sustainability
Cambridge, UK
September 21-23 2014
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Systems ecological perspectives to sustainability conference
Helsinki, Finland
September 24-30 2014
Registration is open
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National ESP Networks



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