



ESP Update No.2014/05

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

Over 270 abstracts submitted

We are pleased to announce that we have received over 270 abstracts for open sessions. All abstracts received before 18 May are currently being reviewed by the session hosts and authors will receive confirmation of acceptance (well) before the early bird registration deadline of July 1.

Abstracts can still be submitted until June 15 but in that case we cannot guarantee a review decision before July 1.

If you have submitted your abstract before May 18, you should have received an automatically generated e-mail and an e-mail called 'Information abstract review procedure ESP Conference'. If you have submitted your abstract, but did not receive these e-mails, please [contact us](#).

Invited contributions to closed sessions

Several sessions (in principle) do not accept voluntary contributions, and are therefore called 'closed'. The organisers of these sessions are responsible for ensuring the quality and timely submission of the abstracts of the Invited Contributions. To ensure that all abstracts will be included in the Book of Abstracts, invited speakers should submit their abstract through the [invited contribution submission form](#) before **July 1**.

Abstracts for posters

The call for poster abstracts will be open until **July 14**. For poster-abstracts submitted before June 15 we will do our best to give you notification of acceptance on time before the July 1 early bird registration deadline. To submit your poster abstract go to the [Abstract submission page](#).

Registration and further information

The registration for the conference is now open. Please visit our [registration page](#) and benefit from the Early Bird fee until July 1. After July 1 the fees will be 20% higher (current exchange rate is about 1.35\$ to 1€).

Sponsoring

Additional sponsoring is still very welcome, for instance to enable us to support participation by local community-members and students. [Click here](#) to check sponsorship possibilities and please actively distribute this information in your networks.

Pre- and post-conference trainings

Thus far we have a Confirmed pre-conference Training session by UNEP-WCMC on a "Toolkit for Ecosystem Services Site-based Assessment (TESSA)" (will be held 6-7 Sept) and we are discussing possibilities to have a Training session on InVEST with the Natural Capital Project / WWF-US team. There may also be 1-2 other pre- or post- conference events so please keep this in mind when making travel arrangements. More details will be placed on the conference website soon.

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 using the nomination form provided on [the SC Election 2014 page](#). The form should be returned no later than midnight UK time **on June 10**, 2014. If there are more than 6 candidates, elections will be held between June 15 and July 15. [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

ESP RC and NN in SE Europe

The European Regional Chapter announces the establishment of the new [Greek NN-HESP](#). This national network (NN) is led by Jeroen Arends, who is also the lead of the [Serbia \(SESP\)](#), [Montenegro](#), and [Macedonia](#) NNs. The need to promote ES and support NNs in this region is essential, especially in light of the recent devastating floods in Serbia and Bosnia. In the attached interview, Jeroen shares his experience with setting up NNs in Eastern Europe and the challenges he faces convincing people of the importance of ES and to join the partnership. So far activities have evolved around trainings and awareness-raising. However the SESP is set to organize the first national conference on ES next year and hope to conduct region-wide ES research and assessments soon. [Click here to read the complete interview](#). Contact [Jeroen Arends](#) to join the one of the above-mentioned NNs.

4. Other news and ESP-related events

- IPBES invites Nominations for Experts for 2014-2018 Work Programme (<http://www.es-partnership.org/esp/82625/9/0/50>). Deadline is June 8
- Call for papers: Responses to Economic Incentives for Conservation <http://www.es-partnership.org/esp/82657/9/0/50>
- Natural Capital launches InVEST 3.0.0. Software <http://www.fsd.nl/esp/82718/9/0/50>
- Introducing the Project for Ecosystem Services (ProEcoServ) <http://www.fsd.nl/esp/82736/9/0/50>

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

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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ESP Working Groups

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National ESP Networks



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