



SPECIAL ISSUE on the 7th ESP Conference in Costa Rica:

8 – 12 September 2014

June 13, 2014

Early Bird Registration deadline coming up: 1 July !

The registration-process has started and many people registered already .

Please note that the **Early Bird fee is valid until July 1**. After July 1 the fees will be 20% higher (current exchange rate is about 1.35\$ to 1€). To make use of the Early Bird fee, please [register here](#).

We provide the possibility to either pay with a bank transfer or through PayPal. Students should upload a proof of enrolment in the registration form.

Before you register, please make sure you read the information about the registration procedure carefully.

And remember: ESP Members receive a considerable discount on their registration fee. Please go to the [ESP member page](#) to register.

Abstract review process

The first round of reviews has been completed. Many submitted abstracts were accepted for the workshops and sessions of their first choice. The authors of these abstracts should have received the confirmation of acceptance, or will receive this shortly.

The abstracts which were not accepted in the first round will now be sent to the organisers of the sessions of their 2nd choice. We will do our best to inform these authors before July 1st. However, we can assure authors of abstracts received before **18 May** that they can use the early bird fee, even if the acceptance message arrives after July 1st.

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

If you have questions, 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 to closed sessions should submit their abstract through the [invited contribution submission](#) form before **July 1**.

Session schedule

Once the abstract-review process is finalised we will make a draft schedule of the sessions; taking the requests of the session-organisers into account as much as possible. We will discuss this draft with the session organisers before putting the final schedule on the website. We hope to complete this process by mid-July.

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](#).

Sponsoring and PR

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

We are pleased to let you know we have now two confirmed pre-conference Training sessions: one by the SGA-Network and Birdlife International on a "Toolkit for Ecosystem Services Site-based Assessment (TESSA)" (6-7 Sept) and one by the Natural Capital Project / WWF-US team on the InVEST model (probably on July 7). Please keep this in mind when making travel arrangements.

More information can be found on the [Training Sessions page](#).

Fieldtrips

On the registration form you will also be asked if you want to join one of the [fieldtrips](#). Costs for all trips are the same (€60 for students/low income country-participants and €75 for all other participants). Details about the fieldtrips will follow shortly. We will communicate later when and how you can indicate your field trip preference.

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.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the 7th ESP Conference!



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