



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

8 – 12 September 2014

July 10, 2014

NOTE: this issue is once more mainly dealing with the upcoming ESP conference; for other ESP messages please regularly consult the ESP website (www.es-partnership.org)

Program and Session schedule

Once the review-process of abstracts has been finalised (around July 15) a final schedule of the 50+ sessions will be placed on the conference website. Also the plenary program is taking shape nicely. Several interesting keynote speakers are already confirmed and the Costa Rican Minister of Environment will be present during the opening session.

Review process of abstracts for oral presentation and posters

All authors of abstracts (oral and posters) should have received a confirmation of acceptance, if not please let us know as soon as possible. All abstract submitters of voluntary contributions are entitled to the Early Bird fee.

Poster abstracts can still be submitted until July 14 [here](#). If you did not submit your poster abstract before June 15, and did not register before July 7, you will have to pay the regular conference fee.

If you have questions, please [contact us](#).

Registration

More than 200 people have already registered. If you have registered, you should have received an automatic confirmation. If not, let us know. Invoices are being sent out as soon as possible and we would appreciate timely payment. We provide the possibility to either pay by bank transfer or through PayPal. Students should upload a proof of enrolment in the registration form.

Make sure you [register](#) timely. 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 become an ESP member.

Sponsoring and PR

Additional sponsoring is still very welcome. 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 now have three confirmed Training Sessions: two pre-conference trainings (one by the SGA-Network and Birdlife International and one by GIZ (German Development Assistance agency), both dealing with practical toolkits and guidelines. During the conference there will be one half-day session on the Natural Capital Project and InVEST.

Please keep this in mind when making travel arrangements. More information can be found on the [Training Sessions page](#).

Field trips

More details on the field trips will be placed on the website **July 10**. You will be able to select a field trip of preference on our [field trip page](#). If you indicated on your registration form that you will join, then you can chose a fieldtrip until **August 8**.

Member-Survey and Steering Committee meeting

At the Costa Rica ESP member meeting, we would like to hear your opinion about ESP: what we are doing well, what you like us to do better and any other comments you may have.

The Chairs of the Steering Committee (Joachim Maes and Sander Jacobs) are preparing the Steering Committee meeting (Sunday 7th September late afternoon) and have consulted the SC-members already.

In addition, we (the ESP Secretariat) are preparing a short survey to hear the opinion of all members and Friends. We plan to send out this survey soon but you are also very welcome to send a message with comments and suggestions directly to [Dolf de Groot](#).

Please regularly check the ESP 2014 [conference site](#) for the latest updates and continue to announce the conference in your network(s). The conference flyer 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!



The ESP Conference Organising Committee

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7th Annual International ESP Conference 2014
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September 8-12 2014

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