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Fourth circular: Conference Information

International Conference “Conservation and Management of Wetland Habitats”

Riga, Latvia, July 11-12, 2017.

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to send you the final information about the Conference. Detailed information about the Conference is available here: www.goo.gl/9rgESp. Please do not hesitate to contact Marta Baumane, public relations coordinator, marta.baumane@lu.lv, +371 291 56 223 or Māra Pakalne, project manager, +371 295 11 001 if you have any further questions.



Oblong-leaved sundew *Drosera intermedia*. Photo: M. Pakalne

Conference program

Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

9.30	Registration.
10.00	Toms Andersons, University of Latvia. Opening of the Conference.
10.10	Māra Pakalne, University of Latvia. Wetland conservation and management in Latvia.
10.30	Jūri-Ott Salm, Marko Kohv, Estonian Fund for Nature. LIFE Mires Estonia, Raised bog restoration experience in Estonia.
10.50	Nerijus Zableckis, Lithuanian Fund for Nature. LIFE Aukštumala (Lithuania).
11.10	Coffee break, poster session.
11.40	Karen Poulsen, Peter Hahn, Danish Nature Agency. Restoration of a 5.000 ha raised bog - an example from Denmark.
12.00	Andrew Cole, Natural England. Peatland restoration in LIFE Cumbria Bog LIFE project (United Kingdom).
12.20	Reijo Hokkanen, Parks & Wildlife Finland. Peatland restoration experience from Finland.
12.40	Andrey Sirin, Institute of Forest Science Russian Academy of Sciences. Peatland diversity and restoration in Russia.
13.00	Lunch.
14.00	Olga Galanina, St. Petersburg University. Diversity of mire types in karst landscapes (Arkhangelsk region, Russia).
14.20	Agnese Priede, Nature Conservation Agency. Recently developed Mire Restoration Guidelines for Latvia.
14.40	Viktar Fenchuk, APB-BirdLife Belarus. Large scale peatland restoration projects in Belarus - outcomes and challenges.
15.00	Meelis Tambets, Mart Thalfeldt, Eesti Loodushoiu Keskus. Freshwater habitats in Estonia and LIFE.
15.20	Ab Grootjans, Leslaw Wolejko, Oļģerts Aleksāns, Māra Pakalne. Wetland research in Slītere National Park (Latvia).
15.40	Oļģerts Aleksāns, University of Latvia. Hydrological studies and monitoring within the LIFE project Wetlands (Latvia).
16.00	Coffee break, poster session.
16.30	Dominik Zak, Jörg Gelbrecht, Bärbel Tiemeyer, Rob McInnes, Jürgen Augustin, Anke Günther, Gerald Jurasinski, Germany. How to manage and monitor carbon sequestration in rewetted peatlands.
16.50	Franziska Tanneberger, Andrey Sirin. Peatland conservation in Europe and the European Mires Book.
17.10	Introduction to the field trip, presentation of a project movie.
17.30	Closing remarks.
19.30	Social evening in the Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia.

Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

The departure from Riga is planned from Bellevue Park Hotel, Slokas Street 1 (<https://goo.gl/LEu4b5>).

9.00	Departure from Riga, Bellevue Park Hotel.
9.30	Field trip to Melnais Lake Nature Reserve.
13.00	Lunch break.
14.00	Field trip to Sudas-Zviedru Mire in Gauja National Park.
17.00	Field trip to Raunas Staburags.
19.30-20.00	Arrival in Riga.

Field trip

As we are planning to visit two mires – Melnais Lake Mire and Sudas-Zviedru Mire – please bring your rubber boots (it might be too wet for hiking boots) and dress according to the weather forecasts. Currently, it seems like the day will be rainy, so an umbrella and waterproof jacket are recommended.



Sudas –Zviedru Mire in morning fog. Photo: M.Pakalne

Conference venue and social evening

The Conference venue is the Academic Center for Natural Sciences of the University of Latvia (<http://www.tornakalns.lv/eng/>). The address of the center is Jelgavas Street 1, Riga (<https://goo.gl/mCF20g>).

Please notice that there is a social evening planned on the first day of the Conference in the Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia (<http://www.botanika.lu.lv/eng/>), Kandavas Street 2 , Riga (<https://goo.gl/zwJUoC>).

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