## IMCG Germany 2024 Post-Field Symposium -Excursion: Mires and Peatlands of Brandenburg (NE Germany)



04- 09 August 2024 - Expected costs: 700 €
Number of participants: 12 - 20

Date	
04.08.2024	Trip by train (90 min) from Greifswald to Wilmersdorf (Brandenburg). Short drive to our destination for the afternoon excursion at the farm "Liese and daughters". We will experience practical aspects of pasture-usage of a wet spring mire.  During the cozy get-together and dinner in the evening, a lecture will introduce the world of Brandenburg's peatlands.
05.08.2024	Jewels of the Schorfheide - Peatland diversity in the biosphere reserve "Schorfheide Chorin"  The Biosphere Reserve "Schorfheide-Chorin" is characterized by a large number of near-natural mires, embedded in a moraine landscape primarily shaped during the last glaciation. On our full-day excursion we will visit different landscape-ecological mire types and core some peatlands.  Highlights: near natural kettlehole-mires, 13.000 years old volcanic tuff deposit, the role of the beaver (Castor fiber) as a major player in peatland rewetting
06.08.2024	Restore and rewild: Rewetted peatlands - the future wilderness areas? In the nature parks "Uckermärkische Seen" and "Stechlin-Ruppiner Land", peatlands have been rewetted for more than 20 years. One goal is to restore the formerly drained sites to new wilderness areas as habitats for various endangered animal and plant species. We will address the challenges and opportunities of peatland restoration projects on the basis of site-specific monitoring data.  Highlights: Restored peatlands, dragonflies, the EU-Life program as an opportunity for peatland rewetting

07.08.2024	Built on Peat – The German capital and its peatlands  The city of Berlin is built on peat and traces of the peat soils can be discovered everywhere in the city area. We will follow these traces on the streets and on the Spree River and visit both highly protected nature reserves and used peat soils in the city area.  Highlights: Peatland city tour by ship, water buffalo husbandry and protected peatland areas site by site with densely populated urban areas	
08.08.2024	Swampland Spreewald – a region in rapid transition  The Spreewald, a unique alluvial landscape in eastern Germany, is characterized by a wide variety of water courses, peatlands, alder forests, arable fields and wet meadows. The century long history of cultivation has led to unique methods of adapted cultivation such as the cultivation of highly productive alder forests. We will explore the endless system of channels and streams with a typical Spreewald – barge.  Highlights: Paludiculture with alder (Alnus glutinosa), Klockböden (vega soils) – a regional wetland soil type, boat trip	
09.08.2024	Transport (approximately 1,5 h) to the Berlin airport (BER). From here, you can take off to your desired destinations either by train or by plane.	

## Accommodation

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