



IMCG Bulletin: November 2015



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Word from the Chair

Dear mire friends

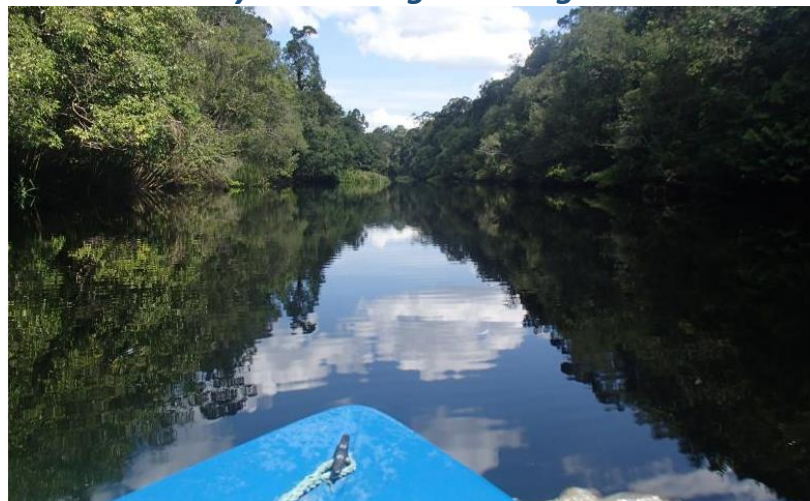
We are heading towards the end of 2015. A busy time of the year and therefore this is only a short bulletin for November. COP 13 is taking place in early December in Paris, France and we are looking forward in anticipation at meaningful outcomes.

We are encouraging members to also look at the IPS announcement below. You can attend both the IMCG and IPS meetings in Malaysia in August 2016 and save on travel costs!

We wish you a good and peaceful time towards the end of 2015.

Please send your December contribution by 3 January 2016 to Piet-Louis Grundling at peatland@mweb.co.za.

Where are you heading to in August 2016?



<https://cee.mit.edu/blogs/alison-hoyt-peat-forests-of-borneo>

Join us and come see for yourself!

**IMCG Field Symposium- Malaysia and Brunei:
19 to 28 August 2016**

Registration

Please block the date and make early registration to secure seats on internal flights and accommodation in small towns at: IMCG - Hans Joosten: joosten@uni-greifswald.de or GEC - Julia Lo: julialo@gec.org.my

Forms at <http://www.imcg.net/pages/events/imcg2016.php>

Mires and Peat

Mires and Peat is the open-access peer reviewed journal of IMCG and the International Peat Society (IPS). Find it online at <http://mires-and-peat.net/> and in the *Thomson Master Journal List (Web of Science)*.

Articles published in November:

Carbon storage and long-term rate of accumulation in high-altitude Andean peatlands of Bolivia (J.A. Hribljan, D.J. Cooper, J. Sueltenfuss, E.C. Wolf, K.A. Heckman, E.A. Lilleskov and R.A. Chimner) [Volume 15 Article 12]

Peat in the mountains of New Guinea (G.S. Hope) [Volume 15 Article 13]

The history of the peat manufacturing industry in The Netherlands: Peat moss litter and active carbon (M.A.W. Gerding, E.H.K. Karel and G.E. de Vries) [Volume 16 Article 10]

Rapid changes in plant assemblages on mud-bottom hollows in raised bog: a sixteen-year study E. Karofeld, R. Riviš, H. Tönisson and K. Vellak [Volume 16 Article 11]

News about special volumes in preparation for 2016/17:

- ***Growing Sphagnum*** (both *in-situ* and *ex-situ*; for example, for peatland restoration and Sphagnum farming purposes).

Many thanks to authors who have already submitted manuscripts which are now moving through the peer review process. We eagerly await arrival of the next (December) manuscripts from the list of offers scheduled for the period **FROM NOW until JUNE 2016**. The volume will open immediately the first article is ready to publish and we have at least five more 'in the pipeline'. If you have not yet offered your manuscript there is still time, and we are especially keen to include more from the groups working in this topic area outside Germany (e.g. UK, North America, Rest of World?). If you have an article to offer, please send an email to the Editor-in-Chief (o.m.bragg@dundee.ac.uk) stating your proposed title, author list and expected submission date. Contact Stephan Glatzel (stephan.glatzel@univie.ac.at) if you want to discuss first.

- ***Greenhouse Gas fluxes in degraded and restored peatlands: Global perspectives*** (a global overview of our current knowledge of GreenHouse Gas (GHG) dynamics along a land use gradient from degraded to restored/rewetted peatlands; studies that describe aquatic carbon losses, the development of country-specific emissions factors (e.g. for CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, DOC) and improved methods for determining activity data are particularly encouraged).

With three manuscripts already moving through the peer review process, this volume looks set to run more or less in parallel with *Growing Sphagnum*, although some submissions from the SER 6th World Conference (Manchester, August 2015) have been slightly delayed by the heavy university teaching loads of autumn. So the opportunity to publish your work alongside invited papers from this event is still available - the volume is **open to all**. Contact David Wilson (david.wilson@earthymatters.ie) to discuss.

For our continuing series of standard volumes, we are always happy to receive new manuscripts from **all disciplines on any topic** relating to mires, peatlands and peat.

Please send **ALL SUBMISSIONS**, whether for a special volume or a standard volume, to the Editor-in-Chief o.m.bragg@dundee.ac.uk in the first instance, for:

- friendly editorial management by eminent peatland specialists (O.M. Bragg, R.S. Clymo, S.N.P. Glatzel, A.P. Grootjans, P.M. Jones and J.O. Rieley);
- minimal publication delays (the average turnaround time from submission to publication is currently less than 230 days); and
- free global exposure of your work in an ISI journal.



Cumbria BogLIFE Peatland Restoration Workshops

Designed for professionals with an interest in, or responsibility for, the restoration of peatlands. See cutting-edge techniques first hand.

Tuesday 9th February 2016

Restoration of degraded but vegetated lowland raised bog at Roudsea Wood and Mosses, removing dense rhododendron and pine infestation, and cell creation using peat bunding. See pre-work areas, work under-way and the success of previously restored areas.

Kendal, Cumbria. 10 am – 4pm.

Wednesday 10th February 2016

Restoration of commercially milled raised bog at Bolton Fell Moss. See two approaches to bare peat restoration by Open Space and Barker & Bland. See results of sphagnum spreading and inoculation.

Penrith, Cumbria (with lift option from Kendal) 10am – 4pm.

Both workshops will take the following format:

Morning Meet at venue for introduction session starting at 10am

Afternoon Site visit, returning to venue for 4pm

Booking is essential, as places are limited. You may book for onto one or both workshops.

These events are hosted by the Cumbria BogLIFE project and are free of charge thanks to generous funding by EU LIFE+ Biodiversity and Nature.

For further information or to reserve a place, contact:

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The 15th International Peat Congress will be held in Kuching, Sarawak on 15-19 August 2016. It is a major event at which to present, share and discuss important issues affecting peatlands and peat today and in the future. It is also an opportunity to revive friendships and make new ones. I gave my own very first presentation on tropical peatland in Kuching in 1991 at an international conference on “Tropical Peat” that was organised by the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) and Sarawak Department of Agriculture. This led to a wonderful 25 year journey for me in which I made many colleagues and friends with similar interests in tropical peatland and peat.

Kuching 2016 is a milestone for the IPS because it will be the first time the Congress has been held in a tropical country or in the Southern Hemisphere and presents a new and exciting experience for those who have not ventured to Southeast Asia before. It is also a gateway to spend some leisure time in this wonderful part of the world.

The closing date for abstracts is 30th November 2015 so time is running out. If you need further advice or information please contact me jack.rieley@btinternet.com or Peter Morin Nissom (pmorin@swinburne.edu.my) Congress Scientific Committee Co-ordinator. Also consult the Congress website on www.ipc2016.com.