



Commission III Agricultural use of peatlands and peat

Meeting at the International Peat Technology Symposium 2014, Riga, Latvia, 26 August 2014,
9.00-12.00

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Fen peatlands after drainage – 2013 workshop summary
3. Fen peatlands after drainage – 2015 workshop proposal
4. Workshop: Drained organic soils – responsible management
5. Suggestions for the next meeting
6. Other matters

Workshop: Drained organic soils – responsible management

The workshop is aimed at exchanging knowledge on peat soil importance, peatlands' value, consequences of drainage and recommendations for proper management, especially in areas drained for agriculture.

The workshop is divided into the following parts:

- What are organic soils and what is their value?
- How are peat soils formed?
- Drainage of organic soils – purposes and consequences. Why people drain peat soils and is it necessary? Are they aware of the consequences in a long-term? Moorsh-forming process in fen peatlands.
- Recommendations for agricultural use of peat with a focus on carbon balance and paludiculture.