

International Peat Technology Symposium  
PROGRAM / August 27

27th August, Wednesday	8.00-18.00	Registration					
	9.00-9.40	Opening the Symposium	Minister for Environmental Protection and Regional Development Mr.Romāns Naudiņš, Chairman President of International Peat Society Prof. Björn Hånell, Chairman of the Symposium Mr.Renars Skudra				
	9.40-10.10	Keynote I	Dr.Norbert Siebels General Remarks about the situation of the Peat and Growing Media				
	10.10-10.30	Keynote II	Dr.Ilze Ozola "Recently published book Peat Winning by A. Šnore"				
	10.30-11.00	Coffee break					
	11.00-11.20	Hannu Salo	The IPS Strategy 2014 – 2016: Focusing on Partnerships and Involvement				
	11.20-12.00	RPP	Responsible Peat Production: Hein Bonn: Market-demand; Marcel Silvius: RPP-certification; Stefaan Vandaele: Industry statement				
	12.00-12.20	Jack Rieley	International Conventions, Agencies, Agreements and Programmes. Implications for peat and peatland management				
	12.20-13.30	Lunch					
	13.30-15.30	SESSIONS:	Peatland Survey (E.Niitlaan) SIGMA	Peat harvesting technologies (G.Kavaliauskas) OMEGA	Peatland conservation and restoration in practice (L.Lundin) BETA 2	Horticulture peat and its effective use (G.Schmilewski) ALFA	Value and use of peatlands for education (M.Gerding) LAMBDA
		13.30-13.50	S.Valpola "Peat research in Geological Survey in Finland"	K.Mutka "The new environmentally friendly peat harvesting method- Biofiksu (BF-method)"	L.Lundin "Perspectives on peatland use impacts and wetland restoration"	G.Schmilewski "EU Harmonisation of Growing Media – Consequenses for the Industry"	M.Gerding "IPS Commission VIII and its activities"
		13.50-14.10	J.Karušs "Application of Ground penetrating radar in research of peat deposits"	Suokone presentation	L.Kalnina "Renaturalisation and recultivation of cut-over peatlands in Lielsala mire"	C.Bohlin "Horticultural peat in Sweden: the present and the future"	V.Bērzins "Archaeological discoveries in peatlands in Latvia"
		14.10-14.30	Xin He "Peatland Tank Model for Evaluating Fluctuations of Shallow Groundwater Table in Peatland"	Premier Tech presentation	A.Priede "Peatland restoration in Latvia since1990s"	U.Wegener "RAL quality assurance for growing media, peat and other constituents"	A.J.Schilstra "Unsustainability versus Wise Use of Peatlands: the Dutch case"
		14.30-14.50	E.Niitlaan "Changes of geological survey results' reliability in time"	UAB "Universe Group Baltic", Amkodor presentations	S.Boudreau "Peatland restoration in Canada: long-term monitoring and development of a tool to predict restoration sucess"	N.Bambalov "Activation of peat humic substances in order to obtain liquid humic microfertilizers for horticulture"	E. Ameriks "Peat as a tool in art and education"
		14.50-15.10	N.Stivriņš "A 350-year multi-proxy, high-resolution record from a big natural ombrotrophic bog in eastern Latvia: reconstructing peat growth, hydrology and carbon accumulation"	Discussion	R.Pouliot "Sphagnum farming in Canada: the past, the present and the future"	J.Šīre "Peat humic substances and their application possibilities"	Students from Art Academy of Latvia about "Purvitis Peat Pleinair"
	15.10-15.30	Coffee break					
	15.30-17.00	SESSIONS:					
		15.30-15.50	Discussion	K.Mutka "Unconventional peat production sites – alternative production technologies"	A.Lupiķis "Afforestation on cutaway peatland"	H.Verhagen, H.Bonn "PEAT, backbone of professional growing media RHP creates insight and opportunities"	L.Kalnina "Short look in study course "Telmatology""
		15.50-16.10	Poster session	U.Feldmanis "Innovative coating technologies - optimisation of peat harvesting expenses"	Silke Kumar "10 years of Sphagnum farming in Germany – prospects, problems and practice"		L.Kalnina, E.Kuske, A.Pujate - "Peat under the microscope" - practical works for attendees
		16.10-16.30		Discussion	M.Silvius "Needs and options for tropical peatland restoration"	J.B. Portier "The french growing média market: peat or subsitutes. What is the situation?"	Commission VIII meeting with discussion on rights of indigenous people (SPRM); peat-education for schoolchildren, the peatacademy, peat museums
		16.30-16.50			C.Farrel "Bord na Móna Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015 – measures of success"	Rostorf "The use of peat Russia as a strategic resource in the interests of a diversified economy"	
		16.50-17.10			Discussions	Discussion	
	19.00-23.00	Dinner (36.līnija)					