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Welcome to the *ESEH UK & Ireland Newsletter No. 21*. Please send us notice of events, issues, announcements, and reviews, etc. for the next issue by November 2014. We need your input. Hope to see you in Florence, Guimarães, or Sheffield! Thanking you all in advance!!

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EVENTS

MAJOR CONFERENCE: 1st European Conference for the Implementation of the UNESCO-SCBD Joint Programme on Biological and Cultural Diversity Linking Biological and Cultural Diversity in Europe 8-11 April 2014, Florence, Italy

Conference Secretariat: Laboratory for Landscape and Cultural Heritage, Department of Agricultural Food and Forestry Systems (GESAAF), University of

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The MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS of 2014: *Second World Congress of Environmental History: Environmental History in the Making*

In Guimarães, Portugal from July 8th to 12th, 2014

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ESEH Summer School for 2014: 4-8 July

Graeme Wynn, Programme Committee Chair, WCEH 2014, wynn@geog.ubc.ca

There is also a special ESEH Summer School for 2014. The School will take place in Porto, Portugal, on 4-8 July 2014 immediately prior to the 2nd World Congress of Environmental History in Guimaraes. Applicants for the School who are PhD students or recent graduates are now being sought and the deadline for applications is 31st March 2014. For details: <http://www.wceh2014.ecum.uminho.pt/Default.aspx?tabid=1&pageid=37&lang=en-US>

Working language is English.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31st March 2013.

Please send all queries / applications to Inês Amorim, inesamorimflup@gmail.com

ESEH Summer School Committee for 2013-2015: <http://eseh.org/event/summer-school/>

Other upcoming Meetings

Wilder by Design? - Managing landscape change and future ecologies

15th & 16th May at Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK

Ian Rotherham and colleagues are organising a 2-day seminar to explore critical issues around wilding or re-wilding, landscape and ecological history, on nature and heritage conservation and on the impacts of current trends and major socio-economic changes. The seminar, which has a UK focus, addresses issues of funding, of skills, of best practice and of awareness in order to consider how conservation writ broad can respond to challenges of environmental change, of climate change, and of a radically altered public sector and political climate. It will set the scene for an international conference on a similar theme in September 2015. Speakers for 2014 include: Peter Taylor, Ken Smith (PDNPA), Professor Chris Thomas (Univ. York), Dr Steve Carver (WRI, University of Leeds), Dr Jamie Lorimer (Oxford Univ.), Dr Jan Woudstra (Univ. Sheffield), Sir Charles Burrell Bt. (Knepp Estate), Richard Scott (Landlife), Ted Green MBE (Ancient Tree Forum), Dr Lois Mansfield (Univ. Cumbria), Professor Ian Rotherham (SHU) and Natural England. The seminar includes a field visit and concludes with an expert panel session.

The event is sponsored and supported by BES, IPS, BANC, IUFRO, ESEH, Sheffield Hallam University, the Ancient Tree Forum, Landscape Conservation Forum, Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum and JBA Consulting.

Places are limited and pre-booking is essential. More information and a booking form can be found at <http://www.ukeconet.org/event/wilder-by-design/> or email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 2724227

In the Bog – The ecology, landscape, archaeology and heritage of peatlands

3rd to 5th September at the Sheffield Showroom & Workstation, Sheffield, UK

We have a major 3-day conference examining the past, present and future of peatland landscapes across the world. The event is bringing together speakers and presentations from a range of disciplines, backgrounds and countries to look at:

- The history of human activity associated with peatland landscapes – heaths, moors, bogs, fens and commons;
- The ecology and archaeology of peatlands;
- The landscapes of peatlands and their neglected heritage;
- The conservation management of peatlands - problems and issues; and
- The future challenges with climate change and carbon sequestration.

There will be papers relating to specific small case study areas, species or suites of species as well as papers that address the issues at landscape or cultural levels. Speakers confirmed include Jack Rieley, Clifton Bain, Benjamin Gearey, Alper Colak, Andreas Heinemeyer, Phil Newman, John Coll, Nicki Whitehouse, Jaanus Paal, Ian Thomas, Rob Rose, Jim McAdam and Ian Rotherham. There will be an included field visit at the beginning of the conference and a poster presentation session on the second day. Offers of posters and displays are welcome.

The event is sponsored and supported by: BES, IPS, IUCN, IUFRO, ESEH, Sheffield Hallam University, Landscape Conservation Forum, Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum and JBA Consulting.

Places are limited and pre-booking is essential. More information and a booking form can be found at <http://www.ukeconet.org/event/in-the-bog-conference/> or email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 2724227

Workshops on Identification and Ecology of Sphagnum Mosses

We continue the highly successful theme with workshops this year on the Sphagnum mosses of 1) Thorne Moors in the Humberhead levels National Nature Reserve; 2) of post-industrial wetland sites; and 3) of a west Pennine upland site. Places will be limited and pre-booking is essential. More information and a booking form will be available from www.ukeconet.org or email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 2724227

Field Research Meeting: Glenfeshie Great Moss (Mòine Mhór), Cairngorms National Park w/c 09 June 2014

Organised by Dr Olivia Bragg, University of Dundee

We plan an intensive study of ecological processes, condition and restoration potential of the UK's highest-altitude peat bog (~950m a.s.l.). This meeting will be organised from Dundee University and bring together key UK peatland experts (especially on eroded blanket mire), plus around ten research students, for 3 days of fieldwork. The results will form the basis of a report on site status and potentially a cross-disciplinary peer-reviewed publication. Exact dates tbc, within the period June–August 2014. To take part, to get involved or to help, please contact Dr Olivia Bragg, University of Dundee directly: o.m.bragg@dundee.ac.uk

Seminar on Sphagnum Mosses- Wednesday 11th June 2014– organised by Dr Simon Caporne & colleagues at Manchester Metropolitan University with the Moors for the Future Partnership. Contact Simon on: S.J.M.Caporn@mmu.ac.uk, or Rachael Maskill on: Rachael.Maskill@peakdistrict.gov.uk

The seminar, organised by the Moors for the Future Partnership and Manchester Metropolitan University, will take place in central Manchester.

This one-day event will bring together practitioners, policy makers, researchers and students to share knowledge and best practice of the reintroduction of Sphagnum to upland peat bogs. Outcomes of the seminar will feed into a best practice guide.

The seminar is an opportunity to learn from the leaders in the field of conservation and land management on the application and monitoring of Sphagnum. It will include an update on the latest scientific research from Manchester Metropolitan University and the Moors for the Future Partnership, as well as a poster session and student workshop on early careers.

The Moors for the Future Partnership has pioneered the landscape-scale reintroduction of Sphagnum in the Peak District and South Pennines - the key aim of the MoorLIFE project is to protect active blanket bog in these areas, which will include the reintroduction of Sphagnum over an area of 650ha

More details, including registration arrangements, will be available soon

Grassland Fungi and Waxcap Symposium

7th and 8th November at Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK

There is a 2-day event to explore issues around the identification and relationship of waxcap fungi (and their allies) to historical wood-pasture and parkland. This event is seen as both extending the scope of previous workshops, and to discuss their role as indicators and the implications for management of historic parklands and 're-wilding' landscapes. It will set the scene for further workshops and develop one of the themes for the 2016 international Capability Brown tercentenary

conference. The symposium includes a field visit to the Longshaw estate and concludes with an expert panel session.

The event is sponsored and supported by: BES, Sheffield Hallam University, the Ancient Tree Forum and Landscape Conservation Forum.

Places are limited and pre-booking is essential. More information and a booking form will be available from www.ukeconet.org or email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 2724227

9th–12th December, Joint 2014 Annual Meeting British Ecological Society and Société Française d'Ecologie, Grand Palais, Lille, France

See more at: http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/events/current_future_meetings/2014-annual-meeting/#sthash.ri4PCx0D.dpuf

The British Ecological Society and the French Ecology Society are pleased to invite you to Lille for a joint conference, which will bring together for the first time ecologists of our two countries. The aim of the conference will promote exchanges and debates on major advances in scientific ecology, and strengthen cooperation between the French and British researchers of tomorrow.

The meeting will be held from 9th to 12th December at the Grand Palais, Lille, France. Lille is the largest city in French Flanders; it is the principal city of the Lille Métropole, the fourth-largest metropolitan area in France after those of Paris, Lyon and Marseille. The city is situated on the Deûle River, near France's border with Belgium and is the capital of the Nord-Pas de Calais region and the prefecture of the Nord department.

It was the European Capital of Culture in 2004 and has a wide array of architectural styles, strongly influenced by Flemish design. There are many places of interest, including Lille Cathedral, the Citadel of Lille, Palais des Beaux-Arts de Lille and the Jardin botanique Nicolas Boulay botanical garden. The latter is one of three botanical gardens in Lille, the others being the Jardin des Plantes de Lille and the Jardin botanique de la Faculté de Pharmacie at the Université de Lille 2.

The Société Française d'Ecologie is a non-profit organization, established in 1968, of some 400 practicing ecologists and evolutionary biologists throughout France. The SFE's activities include promoting ecological and evolutionary research in France through the organisation and sponsorship of workshops and symposia, the funding of student grant schemes, the recognition of outstanding contributions to scientific advancement through various prizes, and the facilitation of communication between the research community, the general public and decision-makers.

AND, ADVANCE NOTICE FOR 2015

Wilder by Design? (2) - Managing landscape change and future ecologies

9th to 11th September 2015 at Sheffield Showroom & Workstation, Sheffield, UK.

This major international conference organised by Professor Ian Rotherham and colleagues, follows on from the event in May 2014 but will be expanded to look critically at projects, issues and themes from across the world. The conference will examine concepts of cultural severance and the nature of eco-cultural landscapes as well as addressing critical issues around (re) wilding. Speakers are already being confirmed for this conference but the call for papers is still open. The conference will include a field visit, poster presentations and displays.

The event is sponsored and supported by: BES, IPS, IUFRO, ESEH, Sheffield Hallam University, the Ancient Tree Forum and the Landscape Conservation Forum.

More information and a booking form will be available later in the year. If you would like to be put on our mailing list or wish to offer a paper or support for the conference please email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 2724227.

A Life in Ecology – a celebration of the work and inspiration of Dr Oliver Gilbert pioneer ecologist

14th November 2015 at Sheffield Hallam University (and field visit / River Don lectures on 13th November) Sheffield, UK

It is ten years on from Ollie's premature death. This 2-day conference is being organised by Professor Ian Rotherham and Dr Paul Ardron both long-term friends and associates of the late Dr Oliver Gilbert to encompass his many interests and as a celebration of his contributions to urban ecology, lichenology, exotic plants, and urban and post-industrial landscapes over a period of 50 years. Invited speakers will deliver papers relating to topics, which reflect some of Oliver's many interests that included 'alien' species, lichens, urban woodlands, and the flora associated with post-industrial sites. Oliver was one of the first academic ecologists to look in detail at the urban environment and he established terms such as 'the urban commons', and his book *The Ecology of Urban Habitats* still stands alone as the primary text in this field. He also challenged much conventional thinking on the merits or otherwise of invasive aliens such as sycamore and Japanese knotweed. Along with George Barker, Oliver pioneered academic interest in urban habitats and in urban ecology.

Speakers confirmed so far include Penny Anderson, Dr Peter Shepherd, Rob Francis, Dr Peter Shaw, Professor Melvyn Jones and Dr John Barnatt.

More information and a booking form will be available later in the year. If you would like to be put on our mailing list for this conference, please email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 2724227.

Restoring Nature – a landscape approach to a future ecology

Major conference probably July or September 2017

Conference venue – Sheffield / Doncaster with field visit coaches to Old Moor, Potteric Carr & Thorne Moors / Humberhead Levels

A major international conference to showcase experiences in the restoration of functioning ecosystems at a landscape level. The event to be supported by BES, ESEH, IUFRO, WTs, RSPB, National Trust, Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, with Thorne & Hatfield Moors Conservation Forum, South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group and others such as JBA Consulting.

The event will address key themes such as wilding / re-wilding, ecosystem services and functions, wildlife tourism and regional economies, water management and carbon sequestration, community engagement & education, grazed and ungrazed landscapes, reintroductions vs letting nature take its course, responses to climate change & climate change mitigation.

Dates for the diary

2014

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2nd WORLD CONGRESS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY (WCEH) Guimarães, Portugal, 7-14 JULY 2014

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September –November 2014 - *Autumn Workshops on Identification and Ecology of Sphagnum Mosses. Booking forms www.ukeconet.org or email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 2724227*

w/c 09 June 2014 - *Field Research Meeting: Glenfeshie Great Moss (MòineMhór)*, Cairngorms National Park. Organised by Dr Olivia Bragg, University of Dundee. Contact Dr Olivia Bragg, University of Dundee o.m.bragg@dundee.ac.uk

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7th and 8th November 2014 - *Waxcap Symposium*, at Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, UK & Longshaw, Peak National Park, Derbyshire. Booking forms www.ukeconet.org or email info@hallamec.plus.com or telephone 0114 2724227

For more information and updates on all of these, please visit our Website: www.ukeconet.org

And finally.....other useful cross-disciplinary networks to engage with:

Bridging the Gap managed by Jane J Bunting @ University of Hull
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For the ESEH UK& Ireland Newsletter:

Please forward all announcements, notes, calls for papers, book reviews etc., rather than my university email note the dedicated email:esehbrit1@hallamec.plus.com

Also, feel free to send links to your websites to my own research website www.ukeconet.org, where you will find more information, announcements and newflashes. We will shortly have a dedicated ESEH page on the UKECONET website.

Feel free to circulate this newsletter & call to other interested persons and importantly, to put it on your own websites too.

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