

RAISED BOG CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

International Seminar in Lielupe (Latvia) and post-seminar excursion,
June 30 - July 4, 2008



General information

Seminar is organized by the Latvian Fund for Nature in the frame of EC financed LIFE04NAT/LV/000196 project "Implementation of Mire Habitat Management Plan for Latvia".



Purpose

To bring leading scientists together to present and discuss the latest developments in the raised bog conservation and management.

Location

Seminar will be held at the hotel "Lielupe" in Jurmala, Latvia.

Excursion will include visits to especially protected nature areas of Latvia - Cena Mire, Stikli Mires and Klani Mire Nature Reserves.

Language

The official language of the seminar will be in English.

Deadlines

Registration: February 15, 2008
Abstract submission: March 3, 2008
Second Circular: April 1, 2008

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Registration

Registration is open to experts and professionals interested in the raised bog conservation and management.

Seminar fee includes admission to seminar sessions, coffee breaks, lunch and seminar materials.

Excursion fee includes accommodation from July 2 to 4, meals and field Guide.

Seminar fee: 50,- EUR
Post-seminar excursion fee: 275,- EUR

The number of participants is limited to 50.

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Planned Programme

June 30 Arrival
July 1 Presentations and poster session
July 2 - 4 Post-seminar excursion
1st day - Cena Mire Nature Reserve (Riga District);
2nd day - Stikli and Klani Mires Nature Reserves (Ventspils District);
3rd day - Departure and arrival in Riga.

The sites include the natural raised bog habitats as well as degraded areas where the restoration of site hydrology has been carried out by building of dams on the drainage ditches. The routes will include nature trails and watching towers in Cena and Vasenieki Mires.

More information about excursion sites:
http://www.ldf.lv/pub/?doc_id=28164



Cena Mire is a unique mire because it is one of the few raised bogs of Latvia that possesses the features of the coastal raised bog type as includes *Trichophorum cespitosum* and also the features of eastern bog type as is a habitat for *Chamaedaphne calyculata*.

The central part has a labyrinth of raised bog pools and ridges, but the marginal areas have been influenced by various human activities, like drainage and peat extraction.

Klani Mire is a raised bog of the coastal type. It has started to develop as a result of the terrestrialization of Klani Lake about 8500 years ago. The intact part of Klani Mire has the typical vegetation of raised bogs with well-developed hummock-hollow complex, lawns and carpets.



Stikli Mires is the largest raised bog complex in the Western Latvia which includes 5 raised bogs and 7 lakes. The active raised bogs have the hummock-hollow complex and the bog pool labyrinth, these habitats are valuable for the great number of bird species of national and EU importance.

