



PEATLAND COURSE

Programme July 15 - 25, 2009

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Wednesday July 15

Morning - arrival in Riga and the hotel "ABC"

14.00 – 14.30 Lunch in the hotel "ABC" near Riga airport www.hotelabc.lv

14.30 – 17.00 Introductory lectures in the hotel "ABC"

14.30 - 14.45 **Mara Pakalne**. Introduction to the peatland course in Latvia

14.45 – 15.30 **Ab Grootjans**. Hydrological and geochemical processes in spring

15.30 – 16.00 **Leslaw Wolejko**. Differences in alkaline fens along the geographical gradient (from Slovakia to lowlands in the north of Poland) and the stratigraphical build-up

16.00 – 16.30 **Mara Pakalne, Ilze Reriha, Ilze Cakare**. Mires in Latvia, spring fens in Slitere and Gauja National Parks

16.30 - 17.00 **Tapio Lindholm**. Information about the peatland course in Finland

17.00. Coffee break in the hotel "ABC"

17.30 Departure to Cena Mire Nature Reserve in Riga District

Teachers: **Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ab Grootjans**

Visiting of the natural raised bog and restoration area

21.00 Dinner

Overnight in the hotel "ABC" near Riga www.hotelabc.lv

Thursday July 16

7.30 Breakfast in hotel "ABC"

8.00 Departure to the Slitere National Park, study of spring mires

Teachers: **Ab Grootjans, Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ilze Reriha**

13.00 Packet lunch

20.00 Dinner

Overnight in the hotel in Mazirbe "Mazirbes kaleji", Slitere National Park

www.kaleji.viss.lv

Friday July 17

8.00 Breakfast in Mazirbe

Study of spring mires in the Slitere National Park

Teachers: **Ab Grootjans, Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ilze Reriha, Gert-Jan van Duinen**

13.00 Packet lunch

19.00 Dinner

Overnight in the hotel in Mazirbe "Mazirbes kaleji", Slitere National Park

www.kaleji.viss.lv

Saturday July 18

8.00 Breakfast in Mazirbe

Study of inter-dune mires in the Slitere National Park

Teachers: **Ab Grootjans, Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ilze Reriha, Gert-Jan van Duinen**

13.00 Lunch in Kolka

13.30 Visiting of Kolka Cape

14.00 Departure from Kolka, the Slitere National Park

18.00 Dinner in the surroundings of Riga

21.00 Arrival and overnight in the hotel "Saules varti" near Cesis, Gauja National

Park

www.saules-varti.lv

Sunday July 19

8.00 Breakfast in the hotel

8.30 – 10.00 Lectures

8.30 – 9.15 **Ab Grootjans**. Occurrence of spring mires in the world

9.15 – 10.00 **Leslaw Wolejko**. Spring mires and the associated mire types – poor fens and lake chalk mires.

10.00 – 10.30 **Jüri-Off Salm**. Peatland studies in Estonia

10.30- 18.00 Study of spring mires in the Gauja National Park

Teachers: **Ab Grootjans, Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ilze Reriha**

13.00 Packet lunch

19.00 Dinner in the hotel "Saules varti"

Overnight in the hotel near Cesis, Gauja National Park

www.saules-varti.lv

Monday July 20

7.30. Breakfast in the hotel " Saules varti"

8.00. Departure to Finland, packet lunch

Ferry from Tallinn to Helsinki at 14.00

16.00 Arrival in Helsinki

16.00 Trip to Hämeenlinna

18.00 Dinner in Lepaa

19.00 – 19.45 Introduction to Lepaa institute

19.45 – 21.00 Guided tour southern boreal cultural landscape and characters of nature

Overnight in a hostel near Hämeenlinna at Lepaa institute of horticulture and landscape design

Tuesday July 21

7.30 Breakfast in Lepaa

8.00 Study of spring mires in Taipaleensuo mire near Hämeenlinna, packed lunch

Teachers: **Tapio Lindholm, Raimo Heikkilä, Tapani Sallantaus, Harri Vasander, Ab Grootjans, Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ilze Reriha, Gert-Jan van Duinen**

18.00 Dinner

19.00 – 20.30. Lectures

19.00 – 19.45 **Tapio Lindholm**. Biodiversity of Finnish mires

19.45 – 20.30 **Raimo Heikkilä**. Mire conservation in Finland

Discussion

Overnight in a hostel near Hämeenlinna at Lepaa institute of horticulture and landscape design. For more information see the link:

http://portal.hamk.fi:80/portal/page/portal/HAMK/In_English/About_HAMK

Wednesday July 22

7.30 Breakfast in Lepaa

8.00 Study of spring mires, spruce mires and bogs in Taipaleensuo Mire, packed lunch

Teachers: **Tapio Lindholm, Raimo Heikkilä, Tapani Sallantaus, Harri Vasander, Ab Grootjans, Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ilze Reriha, Gert-Jan van Duinen**

18.00 Dinner in Lepaa

19.00 – 20.30. Lectures

19.00 – 19.45 **Tapani Sallantaus**. Hydrology of Finnish mires

19.45 – 20.30 **Harri Vasander**. Human influence on Finnish mires

Overnight in a hostel near Hämeenlinna at Lepaa institute of horticulture and landscape design

Thursday July 23

7.30 Breakfast in Lepaa

8.00 Study of spring mires, spruce mires and bogs in Suurisuo Mire, packed lunch

Teachers: **Tapio Lindholm, Raimo Heikkilä, Tapani Sallantaus, Harri Vasander, Ab Grootjans, Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ilze Reriha, Gert-Jan van Duinen**

18.00 Dinner in Lepaa

Discussion

Overnight in a hostel near Hämeenlinna at Lepaa institute of horticulture and landscape design

Friday July 24

7.30 Breakfast

8.00 Study of spring mires, rich fens, spruce mires, pine mires and a bog in Suurisuo Mire near Hämeenlinna, packed lunch, Along the road short visit to Raimansuo

Teachers: **Tapio Lindholm, Raimo Heikkilä, Tapani Sallantaus, Harri Vasander, Ab Grootjans, Mara Pakalne, Leslaw Wolejko, Ilze Reriha, Gert-Jan van Duinen**

15.00 Final discussion

18.00 Dinner in Lepaa

Overnight in the hostel near Hämeenlinna at Lepaa institute of horticulture and landscape design

Saturday July 25

Breakfast and departure from Lepaa

Ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn at 14.30 (harbour and the ferry)