

INVITATION

You are kindly invited to participate in this Conference: 160 oral presentations, 90 poster presentations, plenary lectures, panel debates, symposia, workshops, special sessions, field trips.

The Conference is organized to progress on developing basic knowledge and exchange experiences and tools for managing and integrating wetlands as part of socio-ecological development.

Deadlines

- **Early Registration: 15 June 2014**
- **Late Registration: 4 September 2014**
- **On site Registration: 14-18 September 2014**

VENUE

The International Conference Wetlands Biodiversity and Services: Tools for Socio-Ecological Development will take place in Huesca (NE Spain), Congress Palace (www.palaciocongresoshuesca.es) during 14-18 September 2014.

Huesca (53,000 inhabitants) is a historical city in between the Pyrenees mountains and the Ebro Valley, with a very pleasant atmosphere for congress people.

Promoters:



**Society of Wetland Scientists
European Chapter**
www.sws.org



**European Pond Conservation
Network**
www.europeanponds.org

Organizers:

Instituto Pirenaico de Ecología-CSIC



<http://www.ipe.csic.es>



**AISE-Association for the Integration
of Ecosystem Services**



Comarca de Los Monegros
www.losmonegros.com



EU Life Program
www.ec.europa.eu/environment/

Partners:



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International Conference

**WETLANDS BIODIVERSITY AND
SERVICES: TOOLS FOR
SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL
DEVELOPMENT**

**Huesca (Spain)
14-18 September 2014**

**Society of Wetland Scientists-Europe
European Pond Conservation Network**

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The Conference will cover all the topics related to all types of wetlands, **their ecology, management, and applications**. Particular emphasis will be given to subjects dealing with wetland restoration and creation and the integration of wetlands with socio-ecological issues: **wetlands as buffer pollution systems; integrating wetlands as part of the landscape in order to use their benefits and services; restoring and creating wetlands at landscape and watershed scale; green infra-structures; wetlands as key points for ecotourism and development of rural areas; use and valuation of wetlands for providing natural resources and alleviating poverty; strategies and practical solutions for environmental conflicts related to wetlands, the contribution of wetlands to mitigate global change.**



GENERAL PROGRAM

14 SEPTEMBRE 2014 (Sunday)

- 17 h. Accreditation & registration.
- 19 h. Inauguration and General Reception.

15 SEPTEMBRE 2014 (Monday)

- 8:30 h. **Plenary Session:** A Wetland Vision for the 21st Century: Meeting the Challenges of transforming research to actions for Societal benefit. Edward Maltby, University of Liverpool.
- 10 h. **Regular Parallel Sessions/Symposia.**
- 12 h. **Panel Discussion:** Linking the wise use of wetlands with the challenges for sustainable development. Moderator R. Mc Innes (Ramsar representative). Panelists: Tatiana Mineava, Wetlands International; Tobias Salathe (Ramsar Convention); Edward Maltby, University of Liverpool.
Poster Session: free poster time.
- 15 h. **Regular Parallel Sessions/Symposia.**
- 17:30 h. **Regular Parallel Sessions/Symposia.**
- 18 h. Meeting Sessions/Poster Session.

16 SEPTEMBRE 2014 (Tuesday)

- 8-18 h. Three alternative field trips and a Satellite session are offered:
 - Field trip A** Monegros restored and created wetlands and natural saline lakes and ponds.
 - Field trip B** Middle Ebro River floodplain (natural and created ox-bow lakes) and Sariñena Lake (An original inland saline lake transformed into a freshwater pond).
 - Field trip C** Ox-bow lakes in floodplains

and restored wetlands in agricultural territories

Satellite Session: EU Life projects meeting on Wetland restoration and construction for the improvement of water quality, biodiversity and development. Session to be held in Sariñena (Huesca).

17 September 2014 (Wednesday)

- 8:30 h. **Plenary Session:** Integrating wetlands management and conservation into the socio-ecological development. Gerardo van Halsema, Wageningen University.
- 10 h. **Regular Parallel Sessions/Symposia**
- 12 h. **Panel Discussion:** Integrating wetlands into the social-economic landscape: from theory to practice. Jos Verhoeven (Utrecht University SWS-Europe President). Panelists: Tania Runge (COPA-COGECA, Brussels); Ramsar representative: Jan Kvet (Institute of Landscape Ecology, Třeboň, Czech Republic).
Poster Session: free postertime.
- 15 h. **Regular Parallel Sessions/Symposia.**
- 17:30 h. **Regular Parallel Sessions/Symposia.**
- 18 h. Meeting Sessions.

18 September 2014 (Thursday)

- 8:30 h. Meeting Session.
- 10 h. **Regular Parallel Sessions/Symposia.**
- 12h. Poster Session.
- 15h. **Regular Parallel sessions/Symposia.**
- 17 h. Closure session: summary, conclusions.