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First Announcement:

International Symposium and Workshop on Tropical Peatland (Kuching 2008)

*Peatland Development: Wise Use and
Impact Management*

19-22 August 2008

Symposium

19-20 August 2008

Hilton Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

Workshop

21-22 August 2008

Hilton Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

Post-symposium Tour

23 August 2008

Background and Objectives

Peatlands of Southeast Asia that cover more than 30 million hectares in area or 70% of all Tropical Peatlands are of regional and global importance. Recognised as important reservoirs of biodiversity and scientific information as well as being provider of timber and non-timber products that benefit industry and communities, they also exhibit other vital ecological and natural resource functions, including carbon storage and climate regulation, flood control and in water abstraction. With the rapid population growth and loss of existing land to industry and urbanization, there has been increasing pressure for these peatlands, previously left in their natural state to be converted for agriculture development and other uses. While agriculture development, especially for lucrative crops like oil palm have brought about significant socioeconomic gains, it is also acknowledged that forest clearance and the accompanying drainage of the peatland transforms what was initially a carbon sink into a carbon source contributing to both regional and global climatic problems and risk of fires.

Governments in the ASEAN region have recognised the importance of peatlands and in November 2006 endorsed the ASEAN Peatland Management Strategy (2006-2020) which agreed *inter alia* to promote sustainable management of peatlands and protect and improve the function of peatlands for carbon storage and sequestration. The Malaysian and Indonesian Governments, with the largest areas of peatland in the region, had earlier implemented a number of measures for the protection and sustainable use of peatlands.

As a result of research efforts by national research organisations and universities as well as those of internationally funded research partnerships and consortia particularly during the last decade, there is now a large database of scientific and socio-economic information on the ecological and natural resource functions of this ecosystem and the impacts upon it of land use change and fire. Strategies have been prepared to advise policy makers and decision takers in Southeast Asian countries on the implementation of 'Wise Use' of peatland. Guidelines have been formulated to mitigate negative impacts of peatland development and for restoration of drained and degraded tropical peatland by restoring environmental conditions for reinstatement of ecological and natural resource functions while, at the same time, promoting sustainable livelihoods for local communities to alleviate poverty.

An on-going EU funded project, CARBOPEAT will synthesize and synergize the results of the previous EU projects and other related research projects in order to promote enhanced understanding of **Carbon-Climate-Human-Interactions in Tropical Peatlands**. The first International Symposium and Workshop on Tropical Peatlands organised in the context of CARBOPEAT held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 25-29 August 2007 focused on **vulnerabilities of and risks to their carbon pools**, linked to **mitigation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions**, through the **'wise use' of natural resources**. This Kuching 2008 International Symposium and Workshop will be a follow-up of the Yogyakarta meeting and will revolve around the theme **Peatland Development: Wise Use and Impact Management**. Covering the entire scope **from science to implementation** it provides a major opportunity at which to present the latest data and information on tropical peatlands and their wise use and to assess their important role in the carbon cycle, nationally, regionally and globally. At the same time, there will be deliberations on impact mitigations, policy guidance, strategies for implementation as well as legal and institutional issues involving Government Agencies in Southeast Asia and the EU, International Conventions, industry, local communities and other interested parties.

This Symposium and Workshop should be of direct interest to all organisations and individuals concerned with the utilization, management and conservation of peatlands including

- Scientists, researchers and members of the academia
- Regional and International experts
- Stakeholders at the national, state, and local government levels
- Plantation Industry and other peatland users

Scope

The symposium will address issues related to tropical peatland, its use or development and mitigation of the impacts, thereof, looking at the complete scenario from the science to implementation of wise use of tropical peatland. Altogether, there will be seven thematic sessions.

Symposium: The scientific program will include sessions on ecology and biodiversity of peat swamp forest, soils and hydrology, land use (conservation, forestry, agriculture, settlement and other uses), carbon storage, climate change and air quality, rehabilitation and restoration of degraded peatland, livelihood: social and economic perspectives, and awareness, policies, and legal & institutional framework.

Who Should Attend?

Workshop: There will be workshop sessions on wise use of tropical peatland, knowledge gaps and impact mitigations, addressing NR functions, utilization, restoration, stakeholder engagement, and C-accounting & trading/ financial mechanisms.

Call for Papers

We would like to invite papers and posters with indication of the related scope to be presented at the symposium. Please prepare your abstract according to the guidelines provided and then submit it via e-mail to demshahril@frst.unimas.my

Abstract Guidelines

1. Prepare an abstract of your presentation of not more than 400 words excluding the title, authors and addresses.
2. Abstracts must be presented as MS Word file (Word 97 or later) using Times New Roman, 12 point font throughout.

Deadlines

Submission of Abstract: **30 April 2008**
Submission of Full Paper: **30 June 2008**

Authors of the abstracts accepted for presentation will be notified via e-mail on **15 May 2008**. Therefore, please provide your functioning e-mail in the registration form for this purpose.

Registration and Fees

Registration Category	Early: Before 30 April 2008 (extended)	Standard: Before 30 June 2008	Late: After 1 July 2008
National Participants and ICREPE Members	RM 500	RM 600	RM 700
International Participants	USD 250	USD 300	USD 400
Students	RM 300	RM 300	RM 300
Accompanying Family Members	RM 350	RM 350	RM 350

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