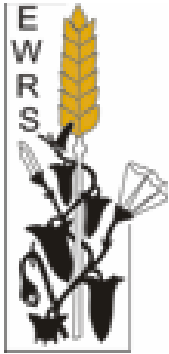


FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



12th EWRS International Symposium on Aquatic Weeds

**held in Jyväskylä, Finland
in the period August 24 – 28, 2009**

HISTORY

Previous EWRS symposia on aquatic weeds have been held in La Rochelle (1964), Oldenburg (1967), Oxford (1971), Vienna (1974), Amsterdam (1978), Novi Sad (1982), Loughborough (1986), Uppsala (1990), Dublin (1994), Lisbon (1998) and Moliets et Maâ (2002).

AIM

Bringing together people who are involved in research, management, extension and practical uses of aquatic plants, in order to exchange results, experiences, and information.

ORGANISERS

This symposium will be organised by the European Weed Research Society (EWRS), through its Working Group on Invasive Plants, in collaboration with the Working Group on Macrophytes of the International Society on Limnology (SIL), and the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE).

THEMES OF THE SYMPOSIUM

The main theme of the symposium will be ‘[Aquatic invasions and their relation to environmental changes](#)’. Other main topics are:

- . Biology of Aquatic Plants
- . Indicator value of Aquatic Plants
- . Management of Aquatic Vegetation
- . Practical Uses of Aquatic Plants
- . Aquatic Plants as biological quality elements of the EU Water framework directive.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Christian Bohren, Joe Caffrey, Frauke Ecke, Teresa Ferreira, Jacques Haury, Kaisa Heikkinen, Seppo Hellsten, Georg Janauer, Timo Kairesalo, Antti Kanninen, Kevin Murphy, Arnold Pieterse, Jukka Salonen, Jouko Sarvala, Krzysztof Szoszkiewicz, Heikki Toivonen, Ludwig Triest, and Pertti Uotila.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Seppo Hellsten (chairman), Kaisa Heikkinen, Timo Huttula, Raimo Ihme, Arnold Pieterse, Jukka Salonen and Mika Visuri.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday August 24: 15.00 Registration desk opens; 18.00 coffee with snacks; 19.00 Opening ceremony; 20:00 Cocktails at the university.

Tuesday August 25: 9.00 Sessions start; 13.00 lunch; 14.00 Sessions; 17.00 Posters with coffee; 19.00 Optional sauna trip.

Wednesday August 26: Field excursion by bus and boat; Evening programme and dinner at shore of lake Päijänne.

Thursday August 27: 9.00 Sessions; 13.00 Lunch; 14.00 Sessions; 17.00 Posters with coffee or exhibition by companies; 20.00 Gala dinner.

Friday August 28: 9.00 Sessions; 13.00 Official closure; 13.30 Lunch and departure

SCHEDULE

If you plan to submit an article, please note the following schedule:

Titles and brief abstracts of oral or poster presentation (max. 250 words)	15 November 2008
Extended abstracts	16 April 2009
Camera-ready abstract copies	14 May 2009
Papers to be peer reviewed	28 August 2009

All participants should note the following deadlines for registration to the seminar

Early Registration	1 May 2009
Final date of registration	1 August 2009

LANGUAGE

The language of the symposium is English.

SEMINAR VENUE

The symposium will be held in the Ambiotica building of the University of Jyväskylä, Survontie 9, Jyväskylä. The city of Jyväskylä is situated in the middle of Finnish lake district and easy to reach directly by airplane or via Helsinki by train and bus.

REGISTRATION FEES AND SYMPOSIUM HOTELS

Details will be presented in the second announcement, which will appear in September 2008.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

A second announcement will appear at internet in September 2008.