

# Society of Wetland Scientists Europe

## Newsletter



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## SWS Europe News

This is our first newsletter for some time. We will be producing one quarterly and we're interested in everything to do with European Wetlands so if you have any events, courses or publications you would like us to share with the SWS membership then please get in touch. Your SWS Europe committee are the following:

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**MEETING** - The 19<sup>th</sup> Europe Chapter Meeting will happen in Biebrza, Poland – 24-26 June 2024. Please join us for an exciting few days. Website details below.

**ACCREDITATION** - We are promoting the SWS wetland scientist professional accreditation program for wetland scientists and practitioners to raise the profile of a career in wetlands and bring it in line with other professions. If you are interested in becoming accredited then visit [www.wetlandcert.org](http://www.wetlandcert.org)

We are happy to announce that registration for the upcoming 19<sup>th</sup> SWS Europe Chapter [Conference](#) is now officially open!

To register for the conference, please fill out the registration form provided [HERE](#). This form will allow you to specify your preferences regarding transportation, accommodation, dietary requirements, and invoicing details. Please note, that the Early Bird payment deadline is May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

We also invite you to participate in the [Wetland Summer School](#). This event is dedicated to practitioners and researchers in the field of wetland conservation and restoration who have (or can have in the future) a significant impact on the condition of these ecosystems. The number of places is very limited, and it is necessary to submit your application through the dedicated registration form. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [swseurope24@bagna.pl](mailto:swseurope24@bagna.pl).

## DATES

- 19<sup>th</sup> Society of Wetland Scientists Europe Meeting WETLANDS ACROSS TIMESCALES – 24-26 June 2024 <https://swseurope2024.bagna.pl/>. Abstract submission and registration now open
- Society of Wetland Scientists International Meeting – Taipei, Taiwan– 11-16 November 2024 <https://www.sws.org/annual-meetings>





A special seminar was held at the University of South Bohemia on 19 October 2023 to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Jan Květ**, one of our most distinguished members, as well as wetlands in general. The seminar consisted of two plenary talks. The presentation by chapter member Dominik Zak (Aarhus University) vividly described the biogeochemistry and nutrient cycling in riverine wetlands, with numerous examples from Dominik's work in cooperation with his team at Aarhus as well as collaboration with other academic institutions, such as the paludiculture group at Greifswald University. The second plenary was given by Ivana Buřková (Šumava National Park) who presented an overview of the peatland restoration projects being undertaken as part of the Life for Mires project.



- ❖ To celebrate World Wetlands Day, we held an online winter conference last February, where seven students and early career researchers presented their recent work. Megan Hudson won the best presentation award with a thought provoking talk on local expert knowledge in agricultural peat management. Lukasz Kosub gave a keynote talk on wetlands in north-eastern Poland.
- ❖ In 2017 and 2020, hundreds of people reported on the state of their wetlands. That information has fed into the Global Wetland Outlook, Ramsar COP, and the Convention on Biological Diversity. Help us update that study by filling in the [World Wetland Survey](#) before 31 May 2024. We welcome every report on a wetland, no matter who or where you are, the size or story of the wetland. We want as full a picture as possible.
- ❖ Do you and your collaborators want to potentially organise the next SWS Europe meeting? Do get in touch with our SWS Europe Chapter Board members.

