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Within the EU Baltic Sea project WATERPRAXIS and in collaboration with Luleå University of Technology, the County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, the River Basin District of Bottenviken and Finland's Environmental Administration (SYKE) you are welcome to the

Workshop

Acid Sulphate Soils and Land Use 1-2 November 2010, Luleå

Land use by ditching and ditch cleaning on acid sulphate soils (ASS) is an increasing environmental problem. Our knowledge on the biogeochemical effects of anthropogenic activities on ASS has gradually increased whereas ecological effects are rarely studied. In addition, we still don't know the accurate distribution and dimension of ASS.

Aim of the workshop

1. Information about ASS from a scientific, administrative and practical perspective
2. Exchange of experiences with activities on ASS
3. Identification of research needs
4. Planning of future cross-border projects.

Target group

The public, River Basin Districts, agencies and boards, consultants and scientists.

Topics of the workshop:

- What are ASS?
- Geographic distribution of ASS
- Identification and mapping of ASS
- Biogeochemistry of ASS
- Environmental problems related to ASS
- Ecological effects of ASS
- Climate change and ASS
- Socioeconomic aspects of ASS
- Attitude of agencies and boards concerning ASS
- Measures to minimize the environmental impact of ASS
- Guide for activities on ASS
- Land use on ASS
- River Basin Action plans on ASS
- Future collaboration projects

Oral presentations will be given by representatives from Luleå University of Technology, River Basin District of Bottenviken, SYKE, Åbo Akademi University, Swedish Geological Survey (SGU), Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) and consultants.

We kindly request more oral presentations!

For registration and for declaring interest in giving an oral presentation, please contact:

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The workshop will be in Swedish, Finnish and English. We will arrange simultaneous translations. The Workshop starts on 1 November at lunch and ends on 2 November at ca. 4 pm. On 1 November, the focus will be on presentations (in Swedish, Finnish or English) that will be easy to understand also for the public. On 2 November, we will focus on discussions, identification of the needs regarding research and development and on delineating potential cross-border collaboration projects.

Deadlines

We welcome your registration for the workshop on 1 October, the latest. You indicate your interest to give an oral presentation until 1 September 2010. In the middle of September, we will send a reminder including the preliminary program of the workshop.

Welcome!

Frauke Ecke & Sofia Perä