

SWS Europe 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule
June 29 – July 2, 2026, České Budějovice, Czech Republic

University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, Faculty of Science

Monday, June 29, 2026

Registration and Welcome Reception, Building C, 17:00–20:00

Student mixer, Kampa Student Center, 20:00–24:00



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Important Addresses and GPS Coordinates:

Building C (Welcome Reception)	Branišovská 1760	48.97764N, 14.44592E
Kampa Student Center (Student mixer)	Studentská 1824/29	48.97641N, 14.45105E
Aula Conference Center (Meeting Sessions)	Studentská 1410/23	48.97791N, 14.44938E
Menza (Lunch)	Studentská 797	48.97830N, 14.45287E
Solnice Restaurant (Conference Dinner)	Piaristické náměstí 3	48.97648N, 14.47169E
Field Trips (Bus Departure)	Husova třída 1373/13	48.97623N, 14.46195E

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 – Aula Conference Center	
8:00	Registration, Aula
8:30	Opening of Conference
9:00	Plenary 1 – Libuše Vlasáková – Czech Wetlands of International Importance
9:40	Session 1 – Vegetation dynamics and ecosystem functioning (Chair: Zuzana Urbanová) Ivana Buřková – Specifics of hydrological restoration in mountainous spring areas Mara Pakalne – Raised bog restoration for climate change mitigation Mar Albert-Saiz – Long-term GPP trends and temperature-water table controls in a climate-manipulation experiment at a temperate fen Valentine Anstett – Responses of aquatic plant communities to environmental fluctuations in Mediterranean temporary lagoons: implications for coastal wetlands management
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Marta Baumane – Restored wetlands – interplay between environmental variables, above- and below-ground plant traits and carbon cycling <i>Šárka Sedláčková</i> – <i>Inventory of the state of springs in Horský Potok basin (Šumava PLA, Czech Republic) (2–5 min)</i> Session 2 – Peatlands, paludiculture and innovative land uses (Chair: Jessica Reyes Rojas) Raija Laiho – Rethinking forestry on peatlands: Paludisilviculture as a novel management approach Mari Kõnönen – Impacts of ericoid shrubs on peat processes in forested fen and bog Kristina Jarmalavičienė – Long-term moisture regimes in a wooded raised bog identified from Sentinel-1 SAR time series Hanna Rae Martens – Influence of solar panels on microclimatic conditions and plant growth in a rewetted peatland PV site Wetland Restoration 1 Maria Dorothea Aljes – Management of downy birch (<i>Betula pubescens</i> Ehrh.) succession on a rewetted sloping wooded mire <i>Vít Toman</i> – <i>A methodological approach to selecting suitable locations for landscape-scale wetland restoration (2–5 min)</i>
12:20	Lunch
13:45	Session 3 – Socioecological systems, governance and rights of wetlands (Chair: Matthew Simpson) Luca Marazzi – Wetlands in the crossfire: Impacts of armed conflicts on wetland ecosystems Columba Martinez-Espinosa – Bridging science and action: Protocols empowering civil society on advocacy & restoration Hélène Vanvelk – From resistance to ownership: Building lasting stakeholder support for urban and peri-urban wetland restoration Martina Eiseltová – Training in wetland restoration – A path toward a sustainable future <i>Marta Stachowicz</i> – <i>ServiPeat – a tool for assessing co-benefits of peatland rewetting (2–5 min)</i> <i>Ute Susanne Kaden</i> – <i>Science into action: Digital tools for environmental education and citizen science in floodplains and wetlands (2–5 min)</i> Hélène Vanvelk – Putting plans into practice: a practical case study on wetland restoration <i>Marija Chobanova</i> – <i>Reframing wetland valorization: a content-specific, hydrology-driven approach for the Monospitovo wetland (North Macedonia) (2–5 min)</i>
14:55	Coffee Break
15:25	Session 4 – Paleoecology and bioindicators for wetland resilience (Chair: Tomáš Pícek) Jan Květ – Two partial revivals of a drained Pannonian shallow lake Robert Arthur Hindson – Reconstructing peatland change: Hydrology, pollution and restoration at Fenn's, Whixall and Bettisfield Moss Dominik Zak – Iron is the key in rewetted peatlands but not the only one Lan Zirkelbach – Comparison of traditional and molecular methods of macroinvertebrate identification for ecosystem quality assessment in the littoral zone of Lake Bohinj Igor Zelnik – Epipellic and planktonic diatom communities in the limnocene spring Zelenci reveal an increase in trophic values Natalia Kuczyńska-Kippen – Functional zooplankton indicators of trophic status and ecosystem resilience in small and shallow water bodies Alexis Roy – Threat to savanna landscapes or essential protection against desertification? The dual role of hydroperiod in dryland wetlands
17:00	Poster Session
18:00	SWS Europe Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – Aula Conference Center	
9:00	Plenary 2 – Gillian Davies – What's next: Building on achievements to advance rights of wetlands!
9:40	Session 5 – Hydrology and ecohydrology of functional wetlands (Chair: Luca Marazzi) Columba Martinez-Espinosa – Biochemical modelling – guided collaborative governance for admissible nutrient fluxes in eutrophic Mediterranean lagoons Elisabeth Bondar-Kunze – Restoring rivers, shifting communities: Divergent multi-taxa responses to hydromorphological measures Marina Abramchuk – Ecohydrological landscape analysis explains drying of near-natural rich fens in the upper Biebrza Valley Matthew Simpson – Extreme wetland restoration
	Workshop – write a letter to a wetland (Chair: Columba Martinez-Espinosa)
10:45	Coffee Break
11:15	Session 6 – Vegetation and peatland dynamics (Chair: Tomáš Hájek) Karel Prach – Peatlands in central Europe – their degradation and possible restoration Izolda Matchutadze – Twenty-five year dynamics of Sphagnum moss species and functional restoration in world's first percolation Ipsani 2 mire, Georgia (Saqartvelo) Blandine Dunoyer – Hidden plant diversity in Mediterranean temporary lagoons: Insights from an <i>ex-situ</i> propagule bank experiment Nik Ojdanič – Fraction mapping of wetland vegetation with Sentinel-2 using synthetic spectral mixtures Jeroen Lea Krols – The hydrological restoration potential of small landscape depressions in the Nete catchment in Belgium: An ecosystem services-based approach
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Session 7 – Wetlands and climate change (Chair: Andrea Kučerová) Cornelius Oertel – Measuring GHG emissions in a rewetted forested peatland as part of the German peatland monitoring Sunova Saha – Hydrological restoration and vegetation recovery control greenhouse gas trade-offs in rewetted peat extraction areas Rashat Alibekov – Complexities in hydrological modelling of depressional wetlands and their restoration efforts: A systematic review Martyna Wietecha – Airborne remote sensing for assessing hydrological stress and cooling effects of urban wetlands Rinda Kustina – <i>Issues of peatland restoration across scales: A review and meta-analysis (2-5 min)</i> Wetland Restoration 2 Yaşar Çağdaş – Participative mapping to improve restoration in Türkiye's deltas Marta Baumanė – <i>Assessing wetland restoration success through the dark diversity concept (2-5 min)</i>
15:10	Coffee Break
15:40	Session 8 – Nutrients, contaminants and greenhouse gases (Chair: Columba Martinez-Espinosa) Brian Sorrell – The influence of water table level and grazing on carbon accumulation in salt marshes Renske Vroom – Nutrient mobilization and export from rewetted fens Carl Christian Hoffmann – Nitrogen and phosphorus losses and retention before and after rewetting of a pump-drained agricultural wetland Jan Vymazal – Nitrogen and phosphorus compartmentalization in <i>Phragmites australis</i> and <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> in constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment Mayang Christy Perdana – Driving micropollutant removal in greywater via manganese- and iron-amended constructed wetlands Laura Kuusemets – Linking microbial communities to nutrient and metal cycling in European wetlands under different management regimes
17:00	Closing and award ceremony
19:00	Conference Dinner – Solnice Restaurant

Thursday, July 2, 2026

8:00	Field Trips: Buses depart from parking area near Výstaviště
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