

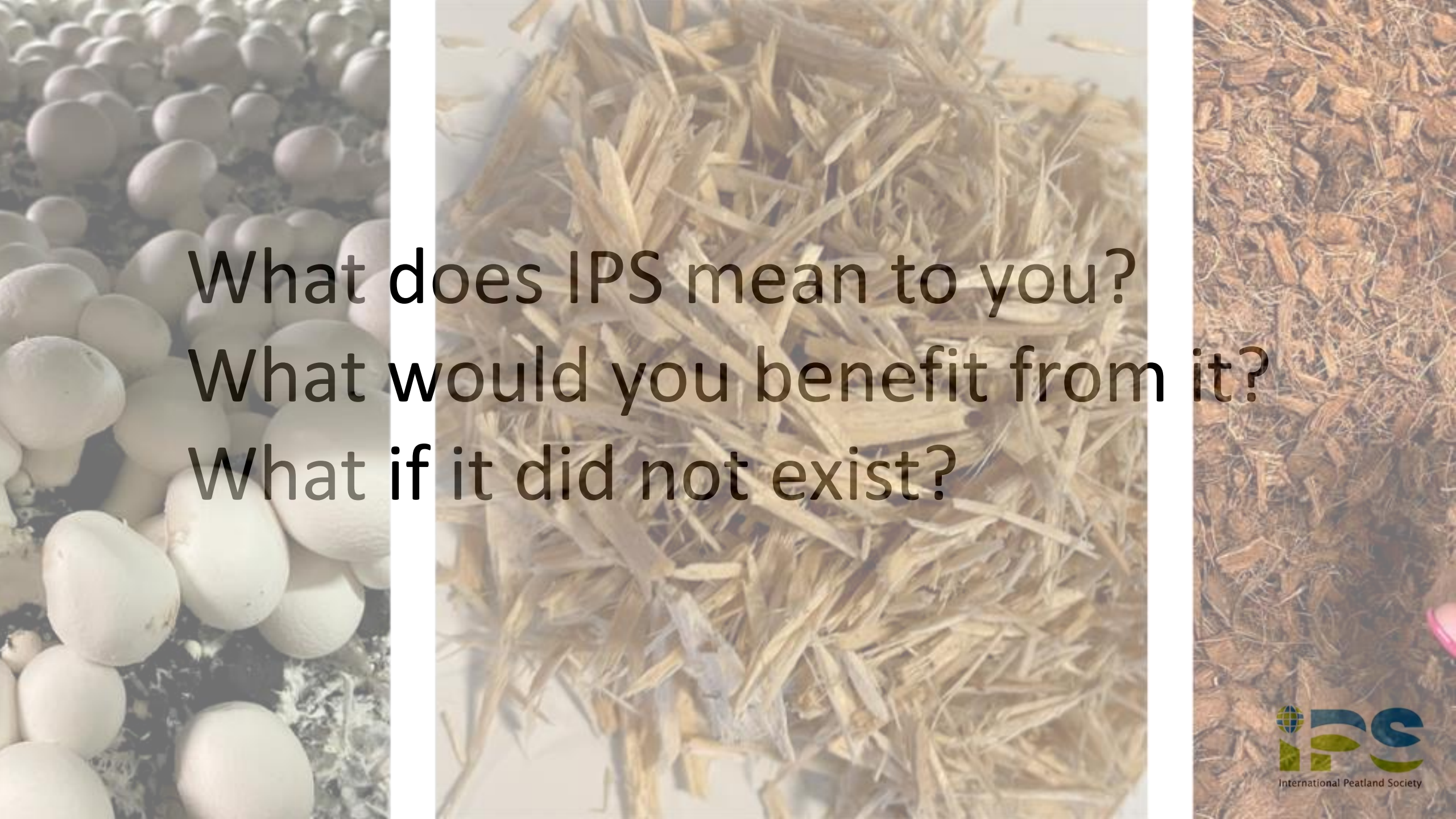
“To be or not be” IPS challenge 2024-20XX

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What would you benefit from it?
What if it did not exist?

What is IPS?

The only **global** organisation enabling

- peatland scientists
- universities and research centres
- not-for-profit organisations
- professionals of the peat industry
- government bodies
- users of peat in horticulture and for other purposes

... to meet, come together and exchange views and information

International Peatland Congress every fourth year

Symposia and joint events with other organizations (like ISHS, SER, GPI, national committees and industrial associations)



IPS as an NGO can ...

- have access to the tables that business bodies, lobbies and enterprises are not invited
- engage with international conventions and agreements such as Ramsar, CBD, UNFCCC, IPCC, SWS



Regarded as a scientific organisation IPS can partner with organizations like

- UN Global Peatlands Initiative
- IMCG (International Mire Conservation Group)
- Mires and Peat (a scientific journal)
- Wetlands International
- ISHS (International Society of Horticultural Sciences)



The roots of IPS are still in various aspects of peat use and peatland utilization

- Strong partners for the IPS are the industry organisations such as GME and national associations
- IPS members are involved in peatland restoration, rehabilitation, GHG mitigation and tropical peatland projects as well as energy and horticulture studies - all over the world.



International Peatland Society – a valuable forum with an NGO status

- Industry should invest to use this independent resource to its best potential

→ COMMUNICATE YOUR VIEWS AND IDEAS!



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The previous EB of the IPS



To define 20XX with numbers we need your input



Financially on the edge. The Society will run out of money within less than a year, if something is done to its basic financial support. IPS has lost the required financial resources to accomplish its mission and representation on the international stage.

IPS role and efforts can and should be improved. During this autumn activities and organization will be reviewed and various alternative paths for the future discussed → the IPS position paper “Embracing change” will be updated.

A streamlined and focused IPS would still need ~ 150 - 200k€ of financing (only) to break even if it works with others in terms of resources → **the role of NC's, GME, PA and industry associations or individual companies extracting OR benefitting peat use?** Canada has signified that it is willing to support IPS financially up to 25% of its needs.

Can we rely on your support for the IPS and give it another chance?



International Peatland Congress 2028 in Latvia

