

Eurosoil 2016

EUROSOIL 2016 will take place July 17-22, 2016 in Istanbul. It will be a unique opportunity for all participants including young soil scientists, researchers, technical and professional operators, company representatives and policy makers to share their projects, scientific experiences, innovations and ideas about the soil science.

One of the most important aspects of the Istanbul congress is the "Young Soil Scientists Forum".

For more details see www.eurosoil2016istanbul.org



EUROSOIL *istanbul* 2016
17 - 22 July

21st WCSS

The World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS) is the main event of the IUSS. It takes place every 4 years and is open to all Members of the IUSS and other participants.

The 21st WCSS will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 12-17, 2018. The theme will be "Soils to feed and fuel the world".



Rio de Janeiro August | 12 - 17

For further information go to www.21wcss.org or contact Flavio Camargo, Vice President Congress, at fcamargo@ufrgs.br

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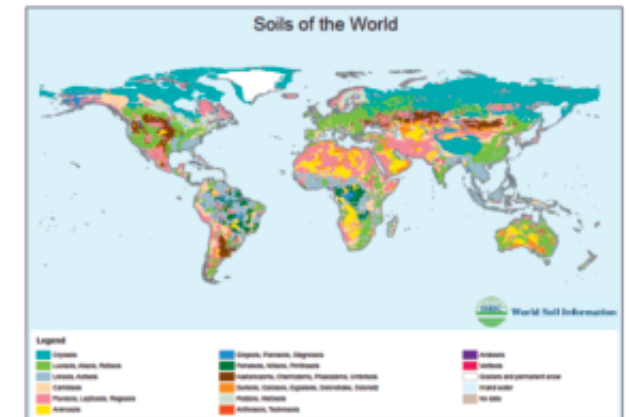
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International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS)

The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) is the global union of soil scientists. The objectives of the IUSS are to promote all branches of soil science, and to support all soil scientists across the world in the pursuit of their activities.



EGU Booth No: G19

Introducing the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS)

The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) was founded as the International Society of Soil Science (ISSS) on 19th May 1924. The IUSS has been a scientific union member of ICSU (International Council for Science) since 1993.

The objectives of the IUSS are to foster all branches of the soil sciences and their applications, and to give support to soil scientists in the pursuit of their activities. In addition, the IUSS aims to put soils and soil science on the global agenda!

Activities

IUSS takes action to advance soil science, including arranging of meetings, conferences and the World Congress of Soil Science; It provides a structure for managing the science of soil science and arranges for the publication and distribution of material, relevant to the interests of the Union, and its members as well as arranging for studies in particular fields, such as specific definitions, classifications and databases; It establishes cooperation with other related organizations and represents Soil Science to a wide external audience.

Organisation

The scientific activities of IUSS are undertaken through 4 Divisions (D) and each Division has 5 to 6 Commissions (C):

D1. Soils in Space and Time

- C1.1 Soil Morphology and Micromorphology
- C1.2 Soil Geography
- C1.3 Soil Genesis
- C1.4 Soil Classification
- C1.5 Pedometrics
- C1.6 Paleopedology

D2. Soil Properties and Processes

- C2.1 Soil Physics
- C2.2 Soil Chemistry
- C2.3 Soil Biology
- C2.4 Soil Mineralogy
- C2.5 Soil Physical/Chemical/Biological Interfacial Reactions

D3. Soil Use and Management

- C3.1 Soil Evaluation and Land Use Planning
- C3.2 Soil and Water Conservation
- C3.3 Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition
- C3.4 Soil Engineering and Technology
- C3.5 Soil Degradation Control, Remediation, and Reclamation
- C3.6 Salt Affected Soils

D4. The Role of Soil in Sustaining Society and the Environment

- C4.1 Soil and the Environment
- C4.2 Soil, Food Security, and Human Health
- C4.3 Soil and Land Use Change
- C4.4 Soil Education and Public Awareness
- C4.5 History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Soil Science

Divisions/Commissions are supported by a number of working groups dealing with specific topics.

Awards and Prizes

The IUSS recognizes the work of distinguished soil scientists. Recognition can come in the form of IUSS Honorary memberships bestowed at each Intercongress meeting of the World Congress of Soil Science, or in the form of monetary awards granted at each WCSS: the IUSS-Dokuchaev for outstanding basic research in soil science, and the IUSS-Liebig for outstanding contributions in applied soil science such as new discoveries and techniques that improve agronomic production and environmental quality.

How to become a member of IUSS

By becoming a member of IUSS you will become part of the global community of soil scientists. National Soil Science Societies or, alternatively, national organizations representing the soil scientists of that country, may join as Full Members. Only one organization can join from each country. The individual members of a National Soil Science Society that is a Full Member of the IUSS, directly or through an adhering organization, will be Members of the IUSS. They will pay no direct subscription, because the subscription of the National Society or other adhering organization will be considered to cover them. They will have rights to attend all IUSS World Congresses of Soil Science and meetings, to receive IUSS publications through their National Societies or Regional Associations, and to vote for Divisional, Commission and Working Group officers.

International Year of Soils (IYS)

Following a request from the Kingdom of Thailand in the framework of the Global Soil Partnership, 2015 has been declared the International Year of Soils by the UN. The IYS aims to be a platform for raising awareness of the importance of soils for food security and essential eco-system functions and better adaptation to climate change for present and future generations.

IUSS and its national soil science societies plan a number of events to celebrate IYS. For details see http://iuss.boku.ac.at/index.php?article_id=21 (related events are marked "IUSS IYS 2015").

