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Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture

# **Celebration of the International Year of Soils 2015**

## **Achievements and Future Challenges**

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## Provisional Programme

08:00 – 08:45 Security check and Registration

Chair: Lee Heng, Head of Soil and Water Management & Crop Nutrition Section, Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture

09:00 **Welcome addresses**

Aldo Malavasi, Deputy Director General IAEA, Dep. of Nuclear Sciences and Applications  
Representative of FAO (tbd)

Christian Holzer, Director General, Austrian Ministry of Agriculture and Environment

09:20 **Opening addresses**

Rainer Horn, IUSS President

09:25 **Honorary address**

Apichart Jongskul, Director General Land Development Department, Thailand (tbc)

09:50 **Country impact statements – nuclear techniques in food and agriculture**

Apichart Jongskul, Director General Land Development Department, Thailand

Hamid Marah, Director of Studies and Scientific Research, CNESTEN, Morocco

Alain Vidal, Director of Strategic Partnerships, CGIAR

10:20 *Coffee (parallel to press conference)*

Chair: Jae Yang, IUSS Past President

10:45 **International Year of Soils – achievement reports**

Rainer Horn, IUSS President

Carolyn Olson, Soil Science Society of America

Ahmed Mermut, European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (tbc)

Evgeny Shein, Federation of Eurasian Soil Science Societies

Takashi Kosaki, East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Sciences

Gustavo Bernal, Latin American Soil Science Society (tbc)

Mamadou Traore, Africa Soil Science Society

Ian Hollingsworth, Soil Science Australia

12:00 **Future challenges**

Gerd Dercon, Lab Head, Soil and Water Management and Crop Nutrition Subprogramme,  
Joint FAO/IAEA Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture, IAEA

Luca Montanarella, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Kurt Weinberger, CEO Austrian Crop Insurance Company

12:30 *Lunch (canteen of Vienna International Centre)*

Chair: Rattan Lal, IUSS President Elect

13:30 **Workshop on future challenges in Soil Science**

Introduction

Parallel working groups related to IUSS Divisions 1 – 4 and international cooperation

Working group deliberations and draft recommendations

15:30 *Coffee*

16:00 **Workshop on future challenges in Soil Science (contd.)**

Presentation of working group recommendations

Discussion

17:00 **Closing Statement**

Rainer Horn, IUSS President

17:10 *Farewell Reception (Snacks & Drinks) until 19:00*