Sandy soils cover approximately 900 million ha worldwide particularly in arid or semi-arid regions. There are extensive areas of sandy soils under cultivation, but the soil fertility is often low. Sandy soils – as a group of soils – have received limited research attention. With increasing global pressure on land resources, marginal soils such as sandy soils are taken into production or cultivated more intensely. There is a need to quantify and understand the properties of sandy soils across the globe.

Program
Sunday 31st May  Welcoming reception 17.00-21.00 (Mendota Room)
Monday 1st June  Fieldtrip Wisconsin Central Sands Plain
Tuesday 2nd June Symposium day 8.30-17.00 (18.00-23.00 conference dinner)
Wednesday 3rd June Symposium day 8.30-17.00
Thursday 4th June Symposium day 8.30-13.00

Conference Format and Topics
The Conference format will be symposia with several keynotes followed by 5-10 minutes presentations and ample time for discussions. Topics include:
- Sandy soils – distribution and formation
- Soil water repellency, crust, and compaction
- Runoff, erosion, and groundwater management
- Monitoring, mapping, and management of salinization
- Nutrient management
- Carbon sequestration and soil health
- Management and remediation of contaminants
- Soil water conservation and biodiversity
- Soil security on sandy soils

Registration fee
Registration fee is $400 (including book of abstracts, morning coffee, lunches and afternoon drinks). Attending the fieldtrip costs $75 and the conference dinner is also $75. The dinner will be held at the Memorial Union in Madison, and will include the best dance band of the whole of Wisconsin.

Hotels and accommodation
Dorms of DeJope Hall at UW Madison will be available at $XX per person for a double room and $XX for a single room. The Madison Concourse Hotel is reserved at $XXX/night (incl. tax). You will be able to make reservations by early 2020.

Proceedings
Proceedings of this workshop will be published in the book series Progress in Soil Science by Springer.

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