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. This conference will bring together experts on sandy soils from across the world.

Abstract submission deadline 15th March 2023
Registration deadline 15th April 2023

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Program
Sunday 28th May  Welcoming reception 17.00-21.00 (DeJope Hall)
Monday 29th May  Fieldtrip
Tuesday 30th May  Symposium day 8.30-17.00 (18.00-23.00 conference dinner, Memorial Union)
Wednesday 31st May  Symposium day 8.30-17.00
Thursday 1st 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. Conference topics include:
- Sandy soils – distribution and formation
- Sandy soils and their management in arid regions
- 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 $450 (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, and includes dancing (not mandatory).

Hotels and accommodation
Dorms of DeJope Hall at UW Madison will be available at $44 per night (double), and $68 per night (single). The Madison Concourse Hotel is reserved at $164 single/double per night plus tax. Deadline for reservations: May 3, 2023. Please call 1 800-356-8293 and refer to the Global Conference on Sandy Soils room block, or reserve at https://reservations.travelclick.com/6388?groupId=2613505