

BACKGROUND

The Malaysian Society of Soil Science (MSSS) since its inception on 2 April 1971, has been actively organising conferences, meetings, discussions and courses related to soil science with various stakeholders. Year 2020 will witness the collaboration of Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) and MSSS in organizing the SOILS 2020 conference in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. This conference will gather various stakeholders from the private, governmental and non-governmental sectors in deliberating and sharing research findings on our theme, “**Soil management towards plant productivity and environmental sustainability**”. Soil management is crucial in various soil landscapes, may it be in agriculture, forestry and the environment. Good management practices not only assure optimum food production but also protect the key roles of soils in sustaining biodiversity, water catchments and forests, reducing disaster risks, encouraging nutrient cycling as well as mitigating climate change. Soil management requires multi-disciplinary research and merging technologies that can provide tangible and intangible results for various stakeholders. Thus, the organising committee welcomes registration from all parties to this conference to share your advances in soil related researches and to learn new paradigms that may be able to contribute towards the given theme. Recognising soil as a finite resource, we hope to find common grounds on issues related to sustaining soil ecosystems for present and future generations.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a forum for discussion, exchange of ideas and information on the latest R&D on soil management and environmental sustainability.
2. To promote the study of soil science and to create public awareness on the importance of soil conservation within the context of sustainable land management.
3. To review areas of soil study relevant for national development.
4. To provide opportunities for agricultural stakeholders such as soil scientist, agronomists, planters and agro-based entrepreneurs to share knowledge, ideas, to identify and update emerging issues, and to network with one another in plantation production without compromising the soil ecosystem.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

1. Academicians, researchers and agronomists
2. Policy makers
3. Agriculture consultants/advisors
4. Individuals involved in agriculture sector
5. Any individuals interested in soil management

SCOPE

1. Soil genesis, classification & mapping
2. Soil fertility & plant nutrition
3. Soil biodiversity & ecology
4. Soils in forest landscape
5. Soil sustainability & remediation in degraded environments
6. Soils in the Anthropocene



CALL FOR PAPERS

In conjunction with SOILS 2020 theme, “Soil management towards plant productivity and environmental sustainability”, papers of relevant topics within the conference theme are invited for oral/poster presentations. Authors are requested to submit an Extended Abstract not exceeding four (4) pages in English.

The Extended Abstract must include title, author(s), introduction, methods and materials, results and discussion, conclusion and references. It must be prepared on A4-sized paper with 25 mm margins on all sides, with single spacing using Times New Roman font size 12.

All illustrations must be inside the text of the Extended Abstract. Posters must be prepared on A1-sized paper.

BEST POSTER AWARD

Five outstanding posters will be selected by the appointed panel of judges for the award.

BEST PRESENTER AWARD

One oral presenter will be selected by the appointed panel of judges to receive the award.



REGISTRATION FEES

Early bird registration (until 31 January 2020)

MSSS Member	RM 700.00
Non-MSSS Member	RM 800.00
Student*	RM 450.00
Post conference tour	RM 60.00

Regular rate (from 1 February 2020)

MSSS Member	RM 800.00
Non-MSSS Member	RM 900.00
Student*	RM 550.00

*Students must attach a verification letter from the supervisor along with the registration form.

The registration fee includes a conference bag, proceedings, lunch, refreshments and a conference dinner.

All payments should be in the form of online transfer/ cheque/ bank draft/ purchase order (PO) payable to:

Account Holder : THE MALAYSIAN SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE
Account Number : 8602990800 (CIMB BANK BERHAD)
Address : Ground Floor, Block B,
Bangunan Pusat Pelajar,
Universiti Putra Malaysia,
43400 UPM Serdang,
Selangor, Malaysia
Branch code : 1212
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EXHIBITION & ADVERTISEMENT

An exhibition featuring latest products and technologies related to nutrient management (fertiliser products), field and laboratory instruments, facilities and technical services will be held during the conference. Research institutions, universities, fertiliser companies and laboratory suppliers are invited to display their products in exhibition booths and to advertise in the conference programme book. Please contact the Secretariat for further details.



REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: (Prof./Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms)

Occupation: _____

Organisation: _____

Mailing address: _____

Contact number: (HP) _____

(O) _____

Email: _____

I wish to attend the conference

I wish to present a paper(s)

I wish to present a poster(s)

I wish to attend the conference dinner

I wish to attend the post conference tour

Title of paper/poster:

PAYMENT DETAILS

Amount : _____

Mode of payment: _____

Reference no. : _____

Date of payment : _____

Signature : _____

Date _____



Deadline for early bird registration 31 January 2020

Deadline for extended abstract submission 31 January 2020

Conference 7 & 8 April 2020

Post conference tour 9 April 2020



Please e-mail this form with a copy of Extend Abstract to:

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For any enquiries please contact :

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POST CONFERENCE TOUR

A one day post conference tour on 9 April 2020 will be arranged for registered participants. This tour will include pedon description and visit to agricultural farm. The post conference tour is limited to 40 people on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. A fee of RM60 will be charged to cover the cost of logistics, materials and meals.

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are advised to arrange their own accommodation. Among suggested hotels are:

KSL Hotel & Resort +607-288 2874
Holiday Villa +607-290 3388
Grand Paragon +607-268 5222
Puteri Pacific +607-219 9999
M Suites Hotel +607-221 1000



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7-9 April 2020

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