

EGU 2017

IUSS will again have a booth at EGU 2017, Vienna, 24-28 April 2017. It will be shared with the Brazilian, British and Italian Soil Science Society.

In order to increase the extent of its contributions to solving soil-related issues such as climate change or food and water security through public outreach campaigns, education, dissemination of information and the publication of a series of soil books, IUSS will host the **Short course 'International Decade of Soils: Ideas for outreach activities'**. Ongoing activities carried out by soil science societies will be presented, which shall give rise to further activities as well as creating new ideas for the future. Participants from various scientific disciplines related to soil science are invited to share their perceptions and experiences in the discussion part of this short course.

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.21wcsc.org

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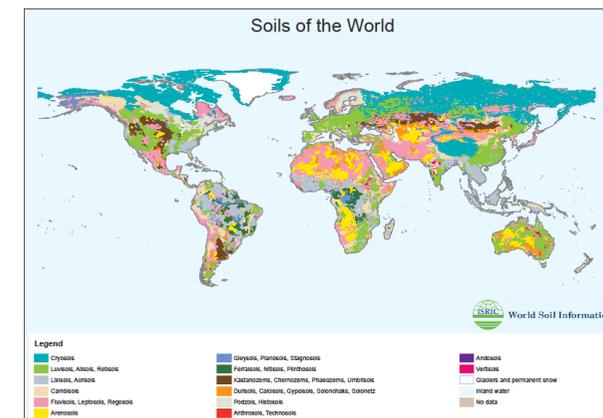
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International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS)

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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 Inter Congress 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. The IUSS Jeju Award is a strategic award, given to a young and mid-career soil scien-

tist who has innovative and outstanding accomplishments in education, research, or extension in soil sciences and has made a substantial contribution to IUSS missions. The award will be first granted in 2018 at the WCSS in Rio.

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.

For further information, please visit our website: http://www.iuss.org/index.php?article_id=37

International Decade of Soils (IDS) 2015 – 2024

Soil plays key roles in relation to environmental, health and social problems which humanity is currently facing such as climate change, food and water security as well as poverty and migration. The United Nations declared the year 2015 as the International Year of Soils with the intention to improve and enlarge the awareness of soil resources. Many achievements were made and a large number of successful events, big and small, were held during the year 2015 such as the conference 'Celebration of International Year of Soils 2015 – Achievements and Future Challenges' in Vienna on Dec. 7 where the International Decade of Soils (2015-2024) was proclaimed by IUSS.

The International Decade of Soils (IDS) shall be a continuation of the efforts made during the International Year of Soils. It will be marked by a number of activities on the national and international levels.

