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**2018 ESSC International Conference**  
**Imola (Italy), 6-8 June 2018**

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# **Soil and Water Security**

## **Challenges for the next 30 years!**

To celebrate 30 years of activities the ESSC is organizing the SoWaSe-ESSC International Conference on '*Soil and Water Security: Challenges for the next 30 years!*'

The Conference will be celebrated in Imola (Italy) from 6-8 June 2018. The objective is to stimulate reflections on the importance of environmental resources for humankind, paying special attention to the new challenges and opportunities concerning Soil and Water Security and Conservation for the next 30 years.

The Conference is open to soil scientists, educators and policy-makers. It will consist of invited lectures, scientific sessions with oral and poster presentations, and will be subdivided into four main topics.

We are confident that the 2018 International Conference of the European Society for Soil Conservation will be a great and memorable event!

We look forward to seeing you in Imola!

**Carmelo Dazzi**  
President of ESSC

**Livia Vittori Antisari**  
President of the Organizing Committee



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## **Programme at a glance**

<b>Day</b>		
5 June 2018	Afternoon	ESSC Executive and Council meeting Registration Welcome Cocktail at the Conference venue.
6 June 2018	Morning	Registration Opening ceremony 1st invited speaker Oral and poster session
	Afternoon	2nd invited speaker Oral and poster session  Social dinner.
7 June 2018	Morning	3rd invited speaker Oral and poster session
	Afternoon	4th invited speaker Oral and poster session Closing ceremony.
8 June 2018	Full day	Scientific and cultural excursion.

## **Registration and payments**

	<b>Early Registration (Before/On 30 March 2018) (€)</b>	<b>Regular Registration (Before/On 30 April 2018) (€)</b>	<b>Late Registration (After 30 May 2018) (€)</b>	<b>Scientific and cultural excursion (€)</b>
<b>Regular participant</b>	200	230	260	80
<b>ESSC; SISS; SIPE Members*</b>	140	170	200	60
<b>Students/PhD student**</b>	100	120	140	40
<b>Gala Dinner</b>	40	40	40	

\*Only for those members up-to-date with the 2017 ESSC membership fee.

\*\*Proof of student status must be provided by a relevant certificate signed by the tutor and must be sent by email ([secretariat.asowase@unibo.it](mailto:secretariat.asowase@unibo.it)) soon after registration, otherwise the form cannot be accepted.

### **Payment of registration fees:**

The payment of registration fees must be made by bank transfer to the GEOLAB Onlus website:  
Banco Posta IT18X0760102400000037826344 - BIC / SWIFT: BPPIITRRXXX  
specifying the items of the payment.

### **The registration fee includes:**

- Welcome Cocktail at the venue on Tuesday 5 June 2018.
- Access to the opening and closing ceremony.
- Admission to all scientific sessions.
- Conference materials (Conference bag, Name badge, Printed Programme).
- USB flash drive of Abstracts.
- Coffee breaks and lunches at the Conference venue.
- A Certificate of Attendance.

### **Accompanying persons:**

- Welcome Cocktail at the venue on Tuesday 5 June 2018.

### **The registration fee does not cover hotel accommodation in Imola.**

### **Registration fee cancellation policy:**

- Cancellation before 30 April 2018: 80% of paid sum will be refunded.
- Cancellation between 30 April-30 May 2018: 50% of paid sum will be refunded.
- After 30 May 2018: cancellation of participation will not be refunded.
- All refunds will be made within two weeks after the completion of the Conference.

## **Deadlines:**

1 March 2018	Registration	Start of on-line registration
1 March 2018	Abstract submission	Start of abstract submission
20 April 2018	Abstract submission	Deadline of abstract submission
30 April 2018	Abstract submission	Confirmation of acceptance and inclusion of abstracts in the scientific programme of the Conference
30 April 2018	Registration fees	Deadline for regular registration fee payment
30 April 2018	Registration fees	Deadline for cancellation of participation, with 80% refund of the paid registration fee (except for bank charges)
30 May 2018	Registration fees	Deadline for cancellation of participation, with 50% refund of the paid registration fee (except for bank charges)
30 May 2018	Registration fees	After this date, cancellation of participation will not be refunded

## **Scientific Sessions**

**The scientific topics of the 2018 ESSC International Conference are organized into the following main sessions:**

- Soil degradation and food security: learning from the past to foresee the future.
- Soil functions: monitoring and safeguards.
- Soil and water management in a changing environment.
- Smart agriculture: predictions for the next 30 years.

**The proceedings of the Conference may be published on EQA (International Journal of Environmental Quality), a high-impact journal published by the University of Bologna, see: <https://eqa.unibo.it/>**

## **Local Organizing Committee**

Livia Vittori Antisari (President), Gianluca Bianchini, Giacomo Buganè, Stefano Cremonini, Carmelo Dazzi, Edoardo Costantini, Giuseppe Corti, Stefania Cocco, Gloria Falsone, Chiara Ferronato, Giuseppe Lo Papa, Claudio Natali, Gilmo Vianello.

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## Accommodation

Imola has numerous 3 to 5 stars hotels. A map of the hotel locations and a list with contact details will soon be available on the Conference web site.

## Conference address:

**Web:** <https://events.unibo.it/sowase-essc-conference-imola2018>

**E-mail:** [SoWaSe.secretariat@unibo.it](mailto:SoWaSe.secretariat@unibo.it)

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