

ESSC

European Society for Soil Conservation
Association Européenne pour la Conservation du sol
Europäische Gesellschaft für den Schutz des Bodens
La Sociedad Europea de Conservación de Suelos

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We work for
conserving our Soil Resources
in Europe

Join with us - it will be worthwhile for you
 - it will be valuable for our Society

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We introduce ourselves

On 4th November 1988, 18 experts representing Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain met at Leuven (Belgium) and founded the European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC), under its first President, Prof. Dr. Jan de Ploey (Leuven).

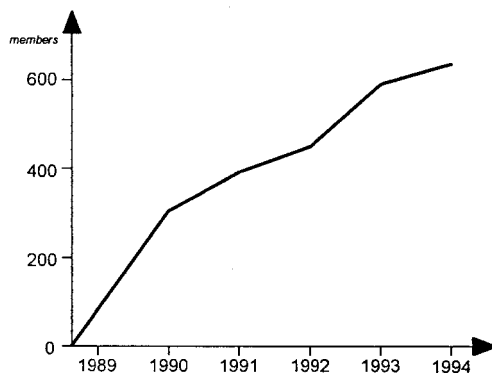
The foundation resulted from a general concern about soil degradation on the European continent and the urgent need to promote soundly-based conservation policies over the next few decades.

The ESSC is an interdisciplinary, non-political association, which is dedicated to investigating and realizing soil conservation in Europe.

The ESSC pursues its aims in the scientific, educational and applied sectors

- by supporting investigations of soil degradation, soil erosion and soil conservation in Europe,
- by informing the public about major questions of soil conservation in Europe,
- by collaborating with institutions and persons involved in practical conservation work in Europe.

The ESSC aims at co-ordinating the efforts of all parties involved in the above cited subjects: research institutions; teachers and students of geo-sciences, agriculture and ecology; farmers; agricultural planning and advisory boards; industries and governmental institutions.



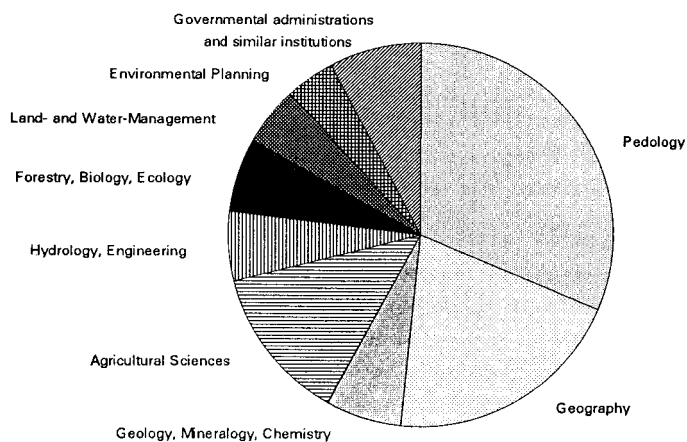
The European Society for Soil Conservation has now more than 600 members in 42 countries, mainly in Europe, but also in North and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. Since 1991 a growing number of scientists from the former "Eastern European" countries has joined the Society, at present about 130.

An interdisciplinary expertise

Our members represent an interdisciplinary expertise.

They are experts in various fields of science and its application to soil conservation problems. They are teaching at Universities, investigating at Scientific Academies, working in the applied sector in Experimental Stations or other Governmental Institutions.

Their field of activity:



52 % of our members are scientists and scientific institutions at Universities

28 % of our members are working at or are Governmental Institutions

16 % of our members are private persons. We do not have information about their profession

4 % of our members are private Organizations and commercial enterprises

The scientific programme

The European Society for Soil Conservation organizes or sponsors workshops, seminars, conferences and congresses in the field of soil degradation and its causes and in soil conservation all over Europe.

Our Conference programme 1989-96

- "Soil Degradation and Soil Conservation in Switzerland and in Europe", 20th October 1989 at Zürich/Switzerland
- "Soil Erosion, Soil Pollution and Conservation Practices", 27th May 1990 at Thessaloniki/Greece
- "Interaction between Agricultural Systems and Soil Conservation in the Mediterranean Belt", 4th-8th September 1990 at Oeiras near Lisbon/Portugal
- "Combating Soil Erosion in Vineyards", 22th-25th May 1991 at Trier/Germany
- "Soil Erosion and Degradation as a Consequence of Forest Fires", 3rd-7th September 1991 at Barcelona and Valencia/Spain
- First International ESSC Congress: "Conserving our Soil Resources", 6th-10th April 1992 at Silsoe/United Kingdom
- "Farm Lands Erosion in Temperate Plains Environments and Hills", 25th-29th May 1992, St. Cloud, Paris/France (sponsored)
- Memorial Symposium Jan de Ploey: "Experimental Geomorphology and Landscape Ecosystem Changes", 22th-27th March 1993 at Leuven/Belgium
- "Soil Erosion in Semi-arid Mediterranean Areas", 28th-30th October 1993 at Taormina/Italy
- "Problems and Management of Soil Salinization - Alkalization in Europe", 26th-30th April 1994 at Budapest and Karcag/Hungary
- "Desertification in Developed Countries: Why can't we control it?" 25th-28th October 1994 at Tucson, Arizona/USA (sponsored)
- "Soil Degradation, Soil Erosion and Conservation on insular Ecosystems" 11th-15th July 1995 at Tenerife, Canary Islands/Spain
- "Problems and management of Soil erosion in Europe", 18th-24th September 1995 near Moscow/Russia.
- "Interaction of wind and water on soil degradation processes", May 1996 at Ghent/Belgium.
- Second International ESSC Congress: "Development and Implementation of Soil Conservation Strategies for Sustainable Soil Use", 1st-7th September 1996 at München/Germany

The ESSC-newsletter

Since the beginning of 1989 the Editorial Board has distributed four ESSC newsletters in 3-4 issues per year with 24-36 pages every issue.

The first President of our Society, Jan de Ploey, emphasized the important role of the ESSC newsletter for the current work and communication in our Society: "From the beginning, we considered the regular production of newsletters to be of paramount importance for the existence and development of our Society. Their contents include concise but very valuable reports on matters of soil degradation and conservation in the different member countries. A flexible approach was adopted to the language problem in Europe: English is the "lingua franca" among scientists, but according to our limited information, people also appreciate some contributions published in other major European languages which gives the newsletter a more European flavour".

The ESSC newsletter gives you

- meeting reports
- research reports
- AIM-Announcements, information and meetings
- Notices received
- Reviews
- Announcements on workshops, conferences and congresses
- and a membership list as issue 4 of each year

The Editorial Board

The task of the Editorial Board is the publication of the ESSC newsletter. It is a subcommittee of and is responsible to the Executive Committee. The Editor-in-chief is nominated by the President and ratified by the Council for four years. The newsletter publishes contributions in English, French, German and Spanish.

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