

Newsletter

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*Dear colleagues,
Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year 2025.
May our soils and land be healthy*



Joining the European Society for Soil Conservation is definitely the value added of one's career. As an ESSC member, students, teachers, researchers, professionals, administrators, will always find a fruitful interaction with other professionals and academic researchers involved in soil conservation. ESSC members will always have an opportunity for cultural exchange and/or professional growth.

If you wish to join ESSC you need to fill in the membership registration form from the ESSC web site and submit it via WEB.

<https://www.soilconservation.eu/>



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News - Informations

ESSC awards for our colleagues

At the Centennial Celebration and Congress of the International Union of Soil Science (IUSS):

“100 years of soil science - past achievements and future challenges” in Florence, May 2024:

Our colleagues **Prof. Ildefonso Pla Sentis** and **Prof. Carmelo Dazzi** have been awarded in appreciation of their many years of loyal and dedicated services for ESSC. The awards were given at ESSC General Assembly, 20th May in Florence.



World Soil Day, 5 December

World Soil Day (WSD) is held annually on 5 December as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources.

Our society also celebrates this day and sees the necessity of reminding the general public of soil's importance for preserving life on Earth. ESSC members participated in many local and national events.



Making every day the
World Soil Day
5 December



• Invitation to participate in a survey of GSP-FAO on soil erosion

Information from *ESSC former presidents; Dr. José Luis Rubio, honorary president of WASWAC, and Professor Carmelo Dazzi, Councillor of WASWAC.*

At the 12th General Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP-FAO) held in Rome in June 2024, and from WASWAC, we proposed the creation of an International Network on Soil and Water Conservation (INSWC) which was well received and is now in the consultation-development phase.

It is not necessary to insist on the importance of the problem of soil erosion and its control for our Society and the importance of the FAO system organizations paying more attention and resources to it. For this reason, we invite you to participate in a brief GSP survey. **Deadline 31 December 2024.**

The link to the survey (copy/paste the link to the web browser):

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aMQ6Frir0ESB_dnbFeOvltG1YQPOgFNGox7B7BF3fs1UMkdaVUhgTldZR1pOTFZYQ1I4R01RWFM5Ty4u&origin=Invitation&channel=0

• EQA: Call for paper "Urban soil and green quality for human health"

Information from *Prof. Giuseppe Lo Papa, PhD*

As stated: EQA Special issue on "Urban soil and green quality for human health" seeks to publish scientific papers that expand knowledge on urban soils and plants, from planting to ongoing management. The Special issue is interested in studies on ecosystem services provided by the soil-plant system in urban areas, including air purification, water cycle, nature-based approaches to alleviate human physical and mental health conditions, wild life colonization of urban spaces, creation of new parks, renaturalization of brown fields.

The deadline for submitting manuscripts is **February 28, 2025**

The link to more information: <https://ega.unibo.it/announcement/view/671>

Conference announcements

• EGU 2025 – 27 April to 2 May 2025 – Vienna, Austria & Online.



The EGU General Assembly 2025 brings together geoscientists from all over the world to one meeting covering all disciplines of the Earth, planetary, and space sciences. The EGU aims to provide a forum where scientists, especially early career researchers, can present their work and discuss their ideas with experts in all fields of geoscience. The abstract submission deadline is **15 January 2025, 13:00 CET.**

More info at: <https://www.egu25.eu/home.html>

• European Soil Judging Contest (ESJC) 2025 – 1st to 5th September 2025 – Seville, Spain



For our young colleagues. In teams of four you will train your fieldwork skills and soil profiles assessments, describing and determining soil type under the guidance of the foremost soil experts, before representing your country or region in competition at sites around two Natural Parks. **Registration deadline: 10 Dec 2024 – 31 Jan 2025**

More info at: <https://esjc.es/>

• EUROSIL 2025 – 8th to 12th September 2025 – Seville, Spain



The EUROSIL - the official meeting of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS) belongs to Europe's most important Soil Sciences events. Knowledge transfer among the Soil Sciences community is a valuable opportunity for fruitful discussion. The EUROSIL is held every four years with a large audience of over 2500 participants who present their findings through oral and poster presentations across up to 10 parallel sessions. Many workshops and exhibitions of products and services are aimed at raising awareness in society and business opportunities.

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