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OF SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETIES (ECSSS)

4th International Congress

EUROSOIL 2012

Soil Science for the Benefit
of Mankind and Environment
Fiera del Levante, Bari - Italy
2-6 July 2012

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
AND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Cathedral of San Sabino, Bari - Italy

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The Scientific Committee will be formed by all the Presidents of European Soil Science Societies and additional renowned European and extra-European soil scientists, educators, socio-economists and policy makers experts in various aspects of Soil Science.



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The Congress will focus on and develop the various aspects of fundamental and applied soil science and technology, field approaches and social, economical and political implications in relation to the present and future needs and emergencies of mankind and environment.

Special emphasis will be devoted to the fundamental role of soil as a central ecosystem and instrumental but limited and sensible resource for a correct, sustainable and harmonized development of mankind and its benefit and welfare.

- The Congress structure will be based on a very general thematic framework, in which various symposia, workshops, short courses, business meetings, open debates, roundtables, technical specialized meetings and/or demonstrations will be included upon received proposals, evaluation and approval.
- The Congress will be scientifically structured prevalently on bottom-up proposals received from scientists, educators, and decision makers involved in soil science and related disciplines who are “open called” to submit a symposium, a workshop or a technical session on a topic of their interest and knowledge. This approach will strongly contribute to bringing in new and stimulating ideas, to develop strategic topics and actual and modern issues that hold promise and need further investigation.

- Renowned specialists will also be invited to convene/organize specific symposia, workshops or technical sessions on topics of relevant, advanced and wide interest in Soil Science (e.g. nanoparticles in soil, fractal approaches to study soil properties and processes, soil quality sensors, modern analytical approaches in soil research, actual and needed EU soil policies, social soil issues, historical and cultural aspects of soil, educational issues, and others).

Abstract submission and session organization will be based on the contributions of authors and conveners to the Scientific Programme.

From the Open Call for Proposals (Skeleton) to the Public Call for Abstracts

The Programme is organized into three successive steps:

1. **Open Call for Proposals:** Any interested person is cordially invited and encouraged to submit proposal(s) for convening symposia and/or workshops, and/or organizing short courses, business meetings, open debates, round tables, technical specialized meetings and/or demonstrations (successively called “events”). Proposals have to be submitted by 28 February 2011 through the appropriate form available in the EUROSOIL 2012 website (www.eurosoil2012.eu).



Proposals must include the title, the main scientific/technical objectives, and a brief description of the topic proposed.

All proposals received will be duly considered, reviewed and evaluated. Conveners will have the responsibility of inviting possibly one or two co-Conveners, organizing and promoting their individual symposium/workshop, inviting potential contributors to submit abstracts, approving voluntary contributions received and distributing them between oral and poster sessions. In the approval phase, gender diversity, diversity in countries/Institutions, and younger scientist Conveners/co-Conveners will be appreciated.

2. **Scientific Programme Finalization:** The scientific framework of the Congress will be defined and validated by the Scientific Committee and opened to abstract submission before the end of March 2011. Any accepted event will be held in one of the 6 main meeting rooms of the venue, and will be reasonably distributed along the time schedule of the event.
3. **Public Call for Abstract:** Any interested person will be invited to submit abstracts and/or ideas to the various scientific symposia, workshops and other events of the Congress. An informative sheet will help the participant to select the preferred/appropriate event(s) to which the abstracts/ideas can be submitted.

Sessions

Each Symposium and Workshop will be assigned one or more Sessions that will represent the scientific framework of the Congress and will be implemented by oral and poster contributions submitted by participants. Oral contributions will be allocated in Oral Blocks (OB) whereas poster contributions will be presented in Poster Blocks (PB). Six oral parallel sessions will be held every day in six rooms of the venue, according to the following provisional timetable:

Days	8.30 10.00		10.30 12.00		13.30 15.00		15.30 17.00		17.30 19.00
Mon 2	OB I	Break	OB II	Break	OB III	Break	OB IV	Break	PB
Tue 3	OB I	Break	OB II	Break	OB III	Break	OB IV	Break	PB
Wed 4	OB I	Break	OB II	Break	OB III	Break	OB IV	Break	PB
Thu 5	OB I	Break	OB II	Break	OB III	Break	OB IV	Break	PB
Fri 6	OB I	Break	OB II	Break	OB III	Break	OB IV	Break	PB

Other events

Beside scientific symposia and workshops (with topical focuses), proposals to organize other events (see above) received from public and private persons/bodies will be duly evaluated. Pre- and Post-Congress Tours including field trips/excursions will be organized in various parts of Italy. A stimulating Accompanying Persons Programme will be planned. Further technical information will be available on the Congress web site at www.eurosoil2012.eu

Registration fees / Hotel accommodation

Information on registration fees and hotel accommodation will be available on the Congress website by next January 2011.



WELCOME TO THE HOST CITY



THE CITY HOSTING THE CONGRESS

The city of Bari counts approximately 400,000 inhabitants, and is located in South-Eastern Italy on the coast of the Adriatic Sea. Due to its location, Bari holds traditional strong relationships with European countries, especially those on the eastern and southern Mediterranean coast, including the Balcan countries. Bari hosts several institutions that hold cooperative and promotional activities, educational programs, professional training and follow up courses together with Universities and other organizations of the Mediterranean, European and extra-European countries. Their involvement in the Congress programs and objectives will surely contribute to the enlargement and diversity of the active participation and to the potential transferability of the scientific achievements of the initiative.

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