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International Soil Tillage Research Organisation

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We are very happy to announce that the present ISTRO INFO provides relevant information concerning the next ISTRO Conference in Abuja, Nigeria.

We would also like to motivate our ISTRO Members to take part of the Global Symposium on Soil Compaction, the Global Conference on Living with Nature, and to read from the ISTRO-affiliated Elsevier journal 'Soil and Tillage Research'.

Lastly, we strongly encourage you to cast your **vote for the Assistant Secretary General position**. Voting will **close at midnight on 30 April 2026**. The candidates are Dr Joséphine Peigné, France, and Prof. Ying Zhao, China – see ISTRO EXTRA for more details.

⌘ Global Symposium on Soil Compaction

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), its Global Soil Partnership (GSP), and Aarhus University are co-organizing the Global Symposium on Soil Compaction to be held at Aarhus University, Denmark, 21-23 September 2026. The event will be hybrid, and with no registration fees.

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Symposium Themes:

Theme 1: Soil compaction effects on cropland and pastureland sustainable production and ecosystem functioning.

Theme 2: Machinery-Soil interactions and impact of livestock on compaction.

Theme 3: Assessment, monitoring, and data harmonization.

Theme 4: Prevention and mitigation strategies and risk assessment.

Theme 5: Barriers and solutions to the adoption of soil compaction prevention and mitigation measures.

These themes are highly relevant for ISTRO members, and we hope many will take part in this event. In addition, ISTRO Working Groups (WGs) B, F, and K are planning specific activities during the Symposium, both within and across WGs.

ISTRO acts as a sponsor, considering scholarships for young researchers, primarily from low-income countries.

For Scholarships see attached file

Abstract submission deadline: 30 April 2026.

For more information or questions, please contact: GSSCOM26@fao.org

⌘ ISTRO Conference 2027

Abuja 2027 ISTRO Conference promotes engagement among scientists working with and researching soil tillage, field traffic and their relationship with soil, environment, land use and crop production. The conference is the opportunity for the community to meet each other, share their research, see application in practice and to stimulate new ideas. The theme of the 23rd ISTRO International Conference is 'Save Soil, Lift Hunger and Protect Environment.' It will run from 20-24 September, 2027 in Abuja.

Conference Venue: at the Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Conference Centre, 1, Memorial Drive, Wuse, Municipal, Abuja 900211, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria

Nearest Hotel Location: Abuja Continental Hotel, 1 Ladi Kwali Street, Wuse Zone 4, P.M. B 143, Abuja 900001,
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Conference dates: September 20 - 24, 2027

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Theme:

Save Soil, Lift Hunger and Protect Environment

Sub Themes:

1. Conservation tillage and no-till farming
2. Climate change for soil tillage remediation and mitigation
3. Precision tillage and smart farming
4. Soil compaction and structure
5. Organic and biological tillage alternatives
6. Soil tillage for weed and pest management
7. Economics and policy issues on tillage
8. Soil measurements in tillage analysis
9. Soil degradation and environmental issues
10. Regenerative agriculture for food sovereignty and food security

ISTRO offers financial support to support attendance at its international conferences

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⌘ Global Conference on Living with Nature.

Empowering Communities With Ecosystem Insights (LNECN-2026), to be held from November 19–21, 2026, at the ICAR–Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India, Organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists (IASWC) in collaboration with ICAR-IISWC, and supported by ICAR, NABARD, IWMI, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and the Department of Land Resources, this three-day conference will bring together leading scientists, policymakers, and practitioners from across the globe to advance knowledge and action in soil-water conservation, watershed management, and ecosystem governance.

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⌘ Soil & Tillage Research

Soil and Tillage Research is now offering authors the opportunity to post preprint on SSRN.

In support of Open Science, this journal offers its authors a free preprint posting service on SSRN, Elsevier's preprint and early research repository.

During submission to this journal, you can choose to post your manuscript on SSRN, and it will be made publicly available as soon as it passes the journal's initial desk review.

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⌘ Upcoming Meetings and Events.

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April

THE 4TH GLOBAL SOIL BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE (GSB 2026). April 12th -15th, 2026. Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. For more information and links visit the webpage.

XXX ARGENTINE CONGRESS OF SOIL SCIENCE. April 14th-17th, 2026. San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina. For more information and links visit the webpage.

THE EUROPEAN SOIL PARTNERSHIP. April 23-24, 2026. FAO headquarters in Rome and online. For more information and links visit the webpage.

May

GENERAL ASSEMBLY EUROPEAN GEOSCIENCE UNION. Vienna, Austria & Online. 3–8th May 2026. For more information and links visit the webpage.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALTERNATIVES TO REDUCE SOIL DEGRADATION. Hybrid event, Online & In-Person. Kossuth Klub, Budapest, Hungary. For more information and links visit the webpage.

10th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SOIL ORGANIC MATTER (SOM2026). May 25th –29th, 2026. University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil. For more information and links visit the webpage.

PRACTICAL CONFERENCE "MATHEMATICAL MODELING IN SOIL SCIENCE AND ECOLOGY". May 27th-31th 2026. Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow. For more information and links visit the webpage.

61ST CROATIAN AND 21ST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON AGRICULTURE (SA 2026). 31 May 2026 to 5 June 2026. Brač, Croatia. For more information and links visit the webpage.

June

THE 23RD WORLD CONGRESS OF SOIL SCIENCE – Soil and the Shared Future for Humanity. 7th -12th June, 2026. Nanjing, China. For more information and links visit the webpage.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTATION AT THE WARSAW UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES – SGGW. June 12th –13th, 2026. Warsaw University of Life Sciences – SGGW, Poland. For more information and links visit the webpage.

IFSA2026: FARMING AND AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS DYNAMICS: FACING CRISES AND TRADE-OFFS IN TRANSITION PATHWAYS. June 29th – July 03rd, 2026. Montpellier, France. For more information and links visit the webpage.

August

12TH SCAR OPEN SCIENCE CONFERENCE & MEETINGS. August 10th –14th, 2026. Oslo, Norway. For more information and links visit the webpage.

4TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRI-ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS (ISCRAES 2026). August 12th –14th, 2026. Dublin, Ireland. For more information and links visit the webpage.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON EARTHWORM ECOLOGY (ISEE13) 13TH EDITION IN WAGENINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS. August 23rd-28th, 2026. Wageningen, the Netherlands. For more information and links visit the webpage.

September

GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON SOIL COMPACTION. September 21th-23th, 2026. Aarhus, Denmark. For more information and links visit the webpage.

FIRST CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CAVES AND KARST (IDCK), PROCLAIMED BY UNESCO. September 10th – 13th, 2026. Postojna, Slovenia. For more information and links visit the webpage.

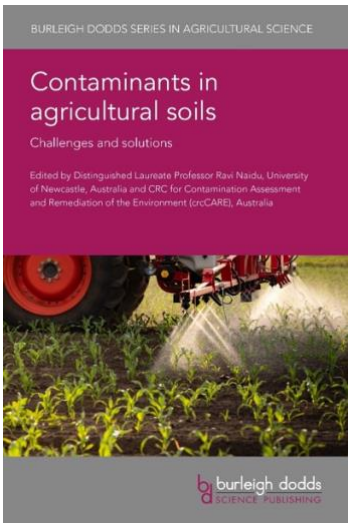
15th CONGRESS OF THE CROATIAN SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE. 14 – 18 September 2026, Vodice, Croatia. For more information and links visit the webpage.

5th International Soil Modeling Consortium Conference (ISMC 2026) "Advances and Challenges in Tropical Soil Modeling". September 15th – 19th, 2026. Rio di Janeiro, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil. For more information and links visit the webpage.

November

10th INTERNATIONAL NITROGEN CONFERENCE (N2026) SUSTAINABLE NITROGEN MANAGEMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. November 2nd-6th, 2026. Wageningen, the Netherlands. For more information and links visit the webpage.

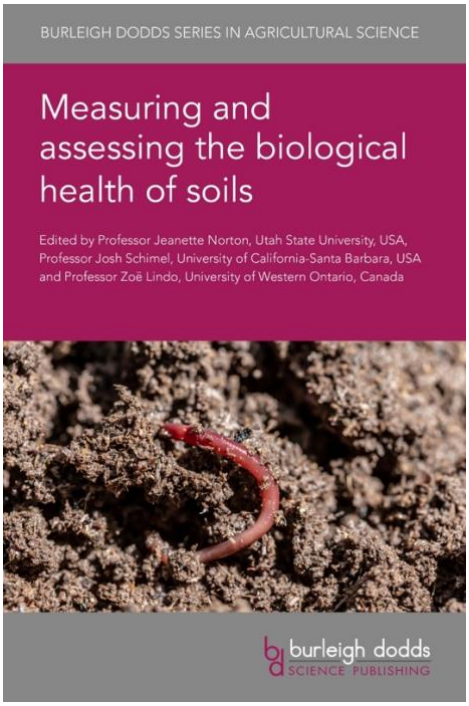
⌘ New Books



Editors: Dr Ravi Naidu

Contaminants in agricultural soils: Challenges and solutions provide a comprehensive overview of the major types of contaminants in agricultural soils. It considers key issues in dealing with contaminants such as advances in detection and risk assessment. The book also reviews recent advances in bioremediation and phytoremediation techniques to manage contaminants in soils.

For more information visit the webpage.



Editors: Prof. Jeanette Norton, Prof. Josh Schimel, Prof. Zoë Lindo.

One of the most important topics in soil science is understanding the relationship between soil biodiversity and soil ecosystem function. This relies on techniques able to accurately identify different soil organisms and how they interact in the soil microbiome.

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