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NEWSLETTER
of the
International Soil Tillage Research Organisation

Since the last issue of ISTRO INFO, several decisions have been made that we would like to share with you regarding the new composition of the ISTRO Board Members, which will take office after the conference in Nigeria. We are grateful for the willingness of those who posted their candidacies.

In a few weeks, the GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON SOIL COMPACTION will take place at Aarhus University. This will be a great opportunity for attendees to exchange knowledge, ideas, and experiences. We wish you an excellent symposium, and I hope to see you in Denmark.

José Dörner

⌘ ISTRO Ordinary Board Members

Prof. Karina M. Cavalieri Polizeli, Federal University of Parana (Brazil), and Dr. Loraine ten Damme, Aarhus University (Denmark), have accepted their election as board members. Both will replace Rachel Guimaraes (Brazil) and Ying Zhao (China).

We are very grateful for Rachel's and Ying's commitment to ISTRO.

⌘ ISTRO President-Elect

Dr. Lingling Li (China), Prof. in College of Agronomy, Gansu Agricultural University, and Scientist in State Key Laboratory of Aridland Crop Science, was confirmed to take over as President-Elect at the 2027 conference and organize the ISTRO conference in 2033.

We are very grateful for Lingling's commitment to ISTRO.

⌘ ISTRO Assistant Secretary General Election Results

Thanks to both candidates, Dr. Zhao Ying (China) and Dr. Joséphine Peigne (France), who were willing to be nominated for election as Assistant Secretary General. Their shared desire to be nominated reflects their commitment to ISTRO.

We are very happy to announce that Dr. Joséphine Peigne (France), senior agronomist specializing in soil fertility, soil tillage systems, and organic and conservation agriculture at ISARA, was elected as Assistant Secretary General and will take over José Dörner after the ISTRO Conference in Nigeria.

Joséphine will serve for six years as Assistant Secretary General, followed by 6 years as Secretary General.

⌘ ISTRO Memberships

The International Soil Tillage Research Organisation (ISTRO) has updated membership renewal protocols. Please monitor your emails and check to see if your membership has expired. The email will arrive from ISTROtreasurer@vt.edu. You can now renew online using our automated system. When first using the system, you will need to complete the **"New User? Please register"** section on our website. Here is the membership link: https://www.istro.org/index.php/memberships. After you have a new account, make sure you pay your dues using our PayPal system that can accept credit cards.

Note: If you are a member of an active ISTRO branch, you will continue to register with your branch chapter and not on this website. Active branches include residents of Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Nigeria, and Serbia. Members in these countries should contact their ISTRO branch board: https://www.istro.org/index.php/other-branches.

Mark Reiter

⌘ Tenure-Track Assistant Professor position in Agricultural Soil Mechanics

The Department of Agroecology at Aarhus University, Denmark, offers an attractive career opportunity for skilled researchers. We invite applications for a position as Tenure Track Assistant Professor focusing on agricultural soil mechanics. The position is a career development position with the possibility of transition to a tenured associate professorship and will be available from 01-01-2027 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The deadline for applying is already 11th of September.

For more information and links, visit the webpage.

⌘ Upcoming Meetings and Events.

2026

September

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. 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.

SATELLITE IMAGE PROCESSING – THIRD EDITION OF COURSE. September 2nd – 4th, 2026. Novoli Scientific Center, Building D6 – DISEI Department of Economics and Business Sciences, Florence, Italy. For more information and links visit the webpage.

PEDOMETRICS 2026. September 15th –18th, 2026. Seres Springs Resort & Spa Singakerta, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia. For more information and links visit the webpage.

October

WORLD FOOD FORUM 2026 (2026WFF). October 8th -16th, 2026. Headquarters FAO, Rome, Italy, and online. For more information and links visit the webpage.

12th INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PLANT-SOIL INTERACTIONS AT LOW pH (PSILPH). October 27th – 31st, 2026. Nagaragawa Convention Center, Gifu City, Gifu Prefecture, Japan. 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.

SOIL GASES IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOLOGICAL PROCESSES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. November 6th, 2026. 45 Budáörsi Road, HUN-REN Research Centre for Astronomy and Earth Sciences, H-1112 Budapest, Hungary. For more information and links visit the webpage.

CANVAS 2026. Annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), and the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA). November 1st – 4th, 2026. Portland, Oregon, USA. For more information and links visit the webpage.

2026 SOIL SCIENCE AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE. "Common Ground: Soils for the Anthropocene". November 1st – 5th, 2026. Pan Pacific Hotel, Boorloo (Perth), Western Australia. For more information and links visit the webpage.

2027

March

ESAFS 17th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (ESAFS2027). "Soil Health for Food Security, Ecosystems and Climate Resilience". March 1st – 3rd, 2027. Forestry University, Chitwan, Nepal. For more information and links visit the webpage.

June

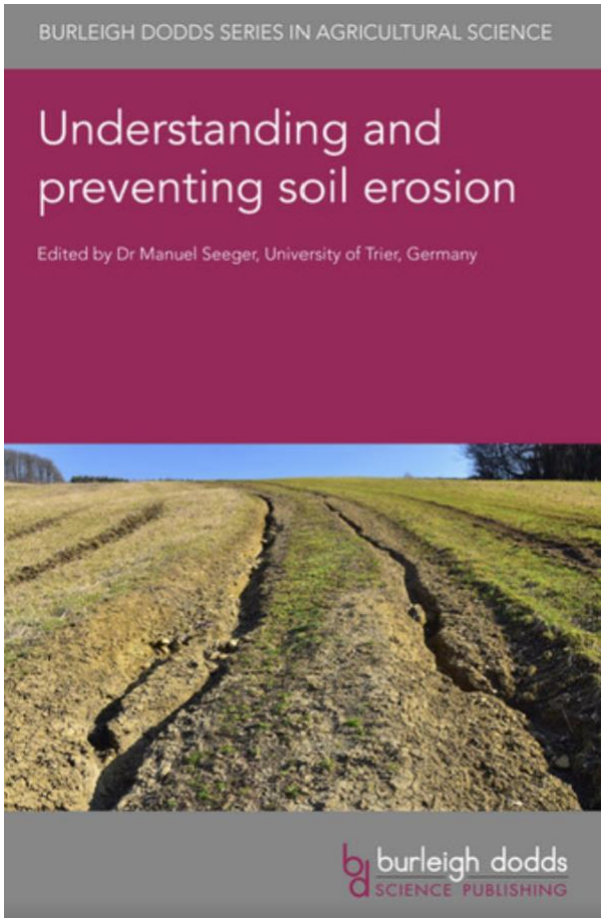
IUSS COMMISSION 3.5 AND 3.7 – 3rd WORKSHOP ON SOIL DEGRADATION CONTROL, REMEDIATION AND RECLAMATION. June 9th – 11th, 2027. Potsdam, Germany. For more information and links visit the webpage.

⌘ New Books

Editors: Wulf Amelung , Heiner Fleige , Rainer Horn , Ellen Kandeler , Ruben Kretzschmar , Karl Stahr , Sören Thiele-Bruhn , Berndt-Michael Wilke

The 18th edition of this renowned textbook provides comprehensive knowledge about soils and their protection. Soils form one of the most important foundations of terrestrial life. Effective protection and preservation of this habitat require a fundamental understanding of the processes that shape soils, as well as their properties.

For more information visit the webpage.



Editors: Dr Manuel Seeger, Prof Dennis Flanagan

Understanding and preventing soil erosion provides a comprehensive overview of recent research on the mechanisms of soil erosion, as well as the best practices for measuring and modelling erosion risk in agricultural soils. The book also considers the range of agronomic practices and techniques available to mitigate future soil erosion, including buffer strips, zero/no-tillage and soil stabilisers.

For more information visit the webpage.

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