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In the present ISTRO INFO we would like to highlight the different meetings and events will take place during 2025. The scientific meeting considers interesting topics for ISTRO Members.

A midterm ISTRO Meeting will take place at the end of July in Abuja, Nigeria. Information about the midterm meeting will be informed in the next ISTRO Info.

## ⌘ Branch activities report

In 2024, elections for CROSTRO board members were conducted for the next three-year period (2024-2027). The elected members are the same as in the previous mandate:

President of CROSTRO

Full Professor with tenure Danijel Jug, Ph.D.

Vice President of CROSTRO

Full Professor with tenure Irena Jug, Ph.D.

Secretary of CROSTRO

Full Professor Boris Đurđević, Ph.D.

Treasurer of CROSTRO

Associate Professor Bojana Brozović, Ph.D.

## ⌘ ISTRO Midterm Meeting 2025

A midterm meeting will take place at 29-30 July 2025 in Abuja, Nigeria. The midterm board meeting will occur during ISTRO Nigeria Symposium holding at Bingham University.

The midterm meeting is organized by Joshua O. Olaoye (ISTRO President). Information about the midterm meeting will be informed in the next ISTRO Info.

## ⌘ We have a new Web Master.

Jonathan Fayard is a 45-year-old freelancer based in France, working independently since 2003. He specializes in creating websites for a wide range of sectors, including events, theater, artists, associations, and small to medium-sized businesses. In addition to web development, he is also involved in publishing, offering services such as magazine and book editing, as well as graphic design for T-shirts and various printed materials. Alongside his freelance work, Jonathan is an accomplished photographer and produces music videos for bands. He is also a musician, performing as a drummer and guitarist in several projects.
Examples of his work can be found on his website: https://jon-f.com/.
At the moment, Jonathan has made a few text corrections on the site and created a new page titled *ISTRO Presidents, Secretaries General, and Treasurers* (https://istro.org/index.php/istro-organisation/istro-presidents-secretaries-general-and-treasurers).
He is currently working on setting up an *Events* page with the option for online registration, as well as developing the *Membership* section to allow users to join the association directly through the website. This section is currently accessible via a hidden link: https://istro.org/index.php/memberships/.

## ⌘ Upcoming Meetings and Events.

**June**

15TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY. M2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MEDITERRANEAN BIODIVERSITY. The 15th National Congress on Biodiversity, will be organized by the Department of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences (DSA3) of the University of Perugia, in cooperation with the Accademia delle Scienze della Biodiversità Mediterranea (ASBM). June 3rd – 6th, 2025. University of Perugia, Italy. For more information visit the webpage.

2ND WORKSHOP ON SOIL DEGRADATION CONTROL, REMEDIATION AND RECLAMATION. Organized by: Commission 3.5 of the International Union of Soil Sciences, Institute of Soil Science, Agrotechnologies and Plant protection Nikola Poushkarov (ISSAPPNP), Agricultural Academy in cooperation with the

Potsdam University and Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences. 9th -11th June 2025, Sofia, Bulgaria. For more information visit the webpage.

SUMMER SCHOOL ON AGRICULTURE, FOREST AND ENVIRONMENTAL GEODATA STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, MODELLING AND MACHINE LEARNING [SAFEST]. 9th – 13th June 2025. Department of Veterinary Sciences, viale delle Piagge, 2 – Pisa, Italy. For more information visit the webpage.

18TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SOIL AND PLANT ANALYSIS. Advancing Agricultural Science for Global Sustainability. June 9th -13rd, 2025. Durham, North Carolina USA. For more information visit the webpage.

THE SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CONGRESS, SRI. June 16th -19th, 2025. Chicago, USA e online. For more information visit the webpage.

**July**

17TH SYMPOSIUM ON BACTERIAL GENETICS AND ECOLOGY – BAGECO 2025 – Bacteria drive our planet's health (in conjunction with the 11th Theodor Escherich Symposium). July 1st – 4th, 2025. Graz, University Library Graz, Austria. For more information visit the webpage.

AFES – ASSOCIATION FRANÇAISE POUR L'ÉTUDE DES SOLS WSD 2025. July 7th – 11st, 2025. Geneva, Swiss. 2025 Soil Study Days: A Meeting Place for Francophone Researchers and Professionals. The 17th edition of the Soil Study Days (JES 2025) will take place in Geneva from July 7 to 11, 2025, welcoming researchers and professionals working in the field of soil science. JES 2025 is organized by the Geneva School of Landscape, Engineering, and Architecture (HEPIA) and the French Association for Soil Studies, in close collaboration with the Swiss Soil Science Society. For more information and links visit the webpage.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF SOIL SCIENCE "SOILS FOR OUR FUTURE – A GATHERING OF GLOBAL TO LOCAL PERSPECTIVES". July 20th-25th, 2025. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. For more information visit the webpage.

GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON SANDY SOILS. Shifting Sands to Sustainable Solutions. July 21st-24th, 2025. Perth, Western Australia. For more information visit the webpage.

ISTRO – NIGERIA, 2025 TILLAGE SYMPOSIUM. Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Soil and Tillage Management for Food Security. July 29th – 30th 2025. Bingham University, Karu, Nigeria. For more information visit the webpage.

**August**

13TH Symposium on Earthworm Ecology – ISEE13. August 23rd-28th, 2025. Wageningen, the Netherlands. For more information visit the webpage.

GEOCHRONOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL. August 31st – September 6th, 2025. Morteratsch, Pontresina, Engadine, Switzerland. For more information visit the webpage.

**September**

SOIL BIOLOGY LAB SKILLS COURSE FOR ASSESSING SOIL FUNCTIONS. September 1st – 5th, 2025. Wageningen University, the Netherlands. For more information visit the webpage.

VII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE ECSSS. European Confederation of Soil Science Societies. September 8th – 12th, 2025. Seville, Spain. For more information visit the webpage.

GROUNDING CARBON FARMING COURSE. 13th – 19th September 2025. Dampierre-en-Bray, Normandy, France. For more information visit the webpage.

2ND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE "AGRICULTURAL CHALLENGES TO CLIMATE CHANGE". Adaptation and mitigation of climate change in agriculture - an interdisciplinary approach. September 16th-19th, 2025. Osijek, Croatia. Conference under ISTRO Auspice. For more information visit the webpage.

THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL ACID SULFATE SOILS CONFERENCE. Date: Conference – September 15th-17th, 2025: Excursion – September 18th-20th, 2025. Luleå, Sweden. For more information visit the webpage.

THE 6TH WASWAC WORLD CONFERENCE. RESILIENT LANDSCAPES: Innovations and Traditions in Climate-Adaptive Soil and Water Conservation (RISE-SWC). September 15th-17th, 2025. Rabat, Morocco. For more information visit the webpage.

**October**

SUITMA13 International Conference. October 5th – 9th, 2025. Pisa, Italy. For more information visit the webpage.

INNOVATION IN CLIMATE RESEARCH FOR SOCIETAL TRANSFORMATION- CONFERENCE SISC2025. October 22nd -24th, 2025. Salerno, Italy. For more information visit the webpage.

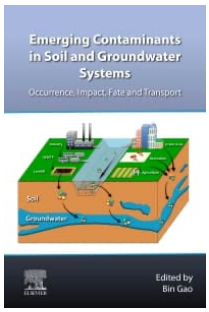
AUSTRIAN SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM 2025. Molecular modeling in soil science – achievements and perspectives. Centre Européen de Calcul Atomique et Moléculaire (CECAM-AT). September 24th-26th, 2025. BOKU University, Vienna, Austria. For more information visit the webpage.

**November**

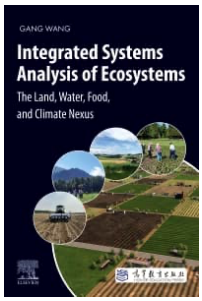
10TH EDITION FESP (FIRE EFFECTS ON SOIL PROPERTIES). November 25th -28th, 2025. UFRO, Pucón Campus, Chile. For more information visit the webpage.

## ⌘ New Books

Regenerative agriculture offers a pathway to restore ecosystems, improve soil health and enhance biodiversity. This book provides an insight on philosophy of regenerative agriculture and tools and technologies for promotion in ecologically fragile and finite ecosystem. It offers a deep dive into the essence of regenerative agriculture, exploring its principles and practices and uncovering how it can address the complex challenges facing modern farming. For more information visit the webpage.




This Book addresses the current need for comprehensive and detailed information on emerging contaminants in the environment. Due to increasing industrial expansion and evolving technologies, novel contaminants are being found in the environment with little information on their analysis, fate and transport. This book covers pharmaceuticals and personal care products, perfluorinated compounds, engineered nanoparticles and microplastics, providing the information environmental scientists require to study their occurrence and interactions, including case studies for each contaminant. For more information visit the webpage.




This new Book *focuses* on the interface between soil sciences, hydrology, economy, ecology, agronomy, and environmental sciences. The book cuts across disciplinary boundaries and addresses broad issues impacting soil, water, food, and energy security, as well as the operation of agricultural and ecological processes. It will summarize important advances in cutting-edge models in ecology and agro-ecology, including biophysical process-oriented models and land use integrated models, along with their implications at various spatiotemporal scales. For more information visit the webpage.

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