



1. Title

Soil Information and Food Security

2. Type

Inter-Divisional Symposium

3. Organizer(s) & Convener

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4. Rationale

The soils are a basic natural resource for human civilization. Now, when the increasing population and reducing land resources bring food security to the world agenda, one of the major tasks of soil science is to provide precise information on the state of soil resources. However, public awareness about soil resources in the world is insufficient. To a great extent it is a result of inefficient soil policy: the lack of mechanisms to lobby the laws and charties on soil study, conservation and protection, the absence of soil propaganda for general public, etc. Also, the effective selling of soil research needs developed tools for soil information management. These tools include the management of soil profile and soil spatial databases, the development of knowledge bases, user-friendly models and programs available for the decision-makers.

5. Objectives

The symposium is supposed to bring together the people interested in soil policy for a broad discussion of the development of soil information tools in all the parts of the world, and the means for interactions with the policy-makers.

6. Description

The symposium should include one invited keynote lecture and 4 to 6 oral presentations plus a poster session.

