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It is a great pleasure to announce the start-up of new ISTRO Branch in Serbia (SRBSTRO) and a new Working group on Conservation Soil Tillage (see details below). At present, ISTRO have six active branches: Serbia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Nigeria and Uruguay, and four active working groups: Conservation Soil Tillage, Subsoil Compaction, Controlled Traffic Farming and Visual Soil Examination and Evaluation. Both branches and working groups organizes meetings/workshops between the triannual ISTRO conferences. See <https://www.istro.org/index.php/working-groups> for contact details.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Loraine ten Damme as the new ISTRO INFO assistant. Loraine is a PhD student in soil compaction at Aarhus University. Loraine takes over from Peter Bilson Obour, who defended, with success, his PhD thesis a few weeks ago. Peter will continue with soil-tillage related post-doc studies at University of Illinois, USA.



☞ New ISTRO Branch in Serbia

ISTRO welcomes SRBSTRO as the new ISTRO Branch in Serbia. The branch starts with 20 members and a board consisting of:

- President: dr. sc. Dušan Kovačević
- President Elect: dr. sc. Nebojša Momirović
- Secretary General: dr. sc. Željko Dolijanović
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☞ Conservation Soil Tillage working group initiated

As a follow up on the ISTRO conference in Paris 2018 a new Conservation Soil Tillage working group has been formed. It will be chaired by Danijel Jug, Croatia and the secretary is Daniel Plaza-Bonilla, Spain. They starts out with 21 members from 10 different countries. Please contact Danijel (danijel@hdpot.hr; djug@fazos.hr) or Daniel (daniel.plaza@pvcf.udl.cat) if you want to join the group or have any questions. Working group activities will be announced in ISTRO INFO and on the ISTRO webpage.

☞ Looking back – Soil deformation and fragmentation PhD course 2019

The course at Aarhus University in March was joined by a mix of master and PhD students from various countries and disciplines (among others engineering, ground water, and forest, arctic, and agricultural soil) and supplemented by a product manager. During the six days, classical theories of soil mechanics and newer research approaches were discussed. The balance between lectures, outdoor and lab activities, group work, and cake-time was well kept, ideas and experiences were shared, and new networks built.



☞ Free 3-year membership for new PhD's

ISTRO supports young scientists via scholarships for ISTRO conferences, as many of you are aware of. Fewer recognize, apparently, the possibility of getting a free 3-year membership for new PhD's in soil-tillage related fields. The membership also includes a free 1-year subscription on Soil & Tillage Research Journal.

New PhD's should be nominated by one of their graduate advisors / promotors who are ISTRO member by sending an e-mail to Blair McKenzie, Secretary General of ISTRO (Blair.McKenzie@hutton.ac.uk). An abstract of the PhD and the thesis will be uploaded on the ISTRO webpage (<https://www.istro.org/index.php/publications/dissertations>).

⌘ Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 2019

Pedometrics 2019, 13th edition of the Pedometric conference, June 2–6, 2019 in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Webpage:

<https://www.cvent.com/events/pedometrics-2019/event-summary-81b34052775a43fcb6616a3f6740accd.aspx>

August 2019

International Soil Conference, Land Resource Management and Agriculture Innovations, Towards sustainable environment and food security. August 5–7, 2019, West Java Indonesia. Webpage:

<http://isco-iss.faperta.unpad.ac.id/index.php/isco/2019>

Wageningen Soil Conference, August 27–30, 2019 in Wageningen, the Netherlands. Webpage:

<https://wageningensoilconference.eu/2019/>

September 2019

15th European-African Regional Conference of the International Society for Terrain-Vehicle Systems (ISTVS). September 8–11, 2019 in Prague, Czech Republic. Webpage: <https://conference.istvs.org/>

October 2019

7th International Symposium on Soil Organic Matter. October 6–11, 2019 in Hilton Adelaide, Australia. Webpage: <http://som2019.org/>

XXII Latin American Congress of Soil Science (CLACS). October 7 – 11 in Montevideo, Uruguay. Webpage: <https://clacs.org/> (in Spanish)

November 2019

ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting, November 10–13, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas. Webpage: <https://www.acsmeetings.org/>

14th International Conference of the East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies. November 2–8, 2019 in Taipei, Taiwan. Webpage: <http://esafs2019.cssfs.org.tw/>

April 2020

International Soil Classification Congress, April 16–24, 2020, México. Webpage: <http://iscc2020.org/>

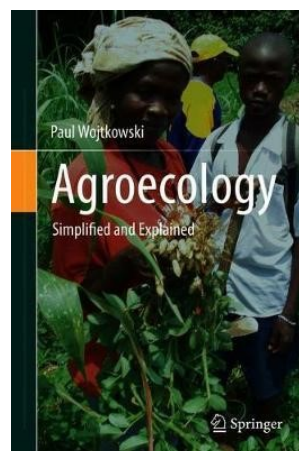
August 2020

Eurosoil. 24–28 AUGUST 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland. Webpage: <http://eurosoil2020.com/>

⌘ New Books

Agroecology

Authors: Paul Wojtkowski



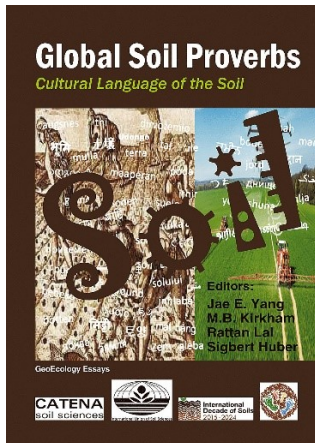
This book presents the core elements that underwrite agroecology. It defines the features of agroecology and their significance in achieving sustainable and environmentally-friendly agriculture, and discusses the underlying technologies, the various manifestations of biodiversity, and the risk countermeasures associated with agroecology.

More information on this book:

<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319932088#aboutBook>

Global Soil Proverbs: Cultural Language of the Soil

Editors: Jae E. Yang, M. B. Kirkham, Rattan Lal, and Sigbert Huber



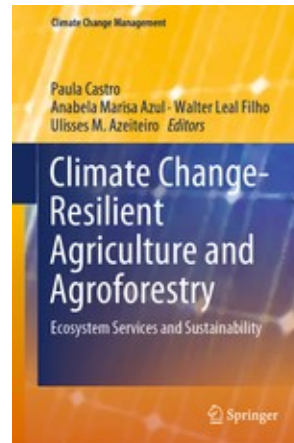
Global Soil Proverbs compiles worldwide soil proverbs and through them shares insight about philosophy, culture, and life from 29 different countries. Some themes are common, such as the need to sustain the soil to sustain humanity, while other themes are particular to a country due to its geography and climate, such as “The peas may be sown when the first swallows come” (Russia) or “If you want to store wheat, plow lowland areas” (Tunisia).

More information on this book:

<https://www.schweizerbart.de/publications/detail/isbn/9783510654314>

Climate Change-Resilient Agriculture and Agroforestry

Editors: Castro, P., Azul, A.M., Leal Filho, W., Azeiteiro, U.M.



A collection of wide-ranging contributions - such as case studies, reviews, reports on technological developments, outputs of research/studies, and examples of successful projects - are presented to raise awareness to help the agriculture and forestry sectors find solutions for mitigating climate variability and adapting to change.

More information on this book:

<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319750033>

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