

IUSS activities within various national societies to promote and to further improve the knowledge about the uniqueness of our soils worldwide as sensitive and none renewable systems.

Events and Dates for the UN Year of the Soils 2015

Date	Year	Event	Responsible Person	Location	Country
					Europe
4-7 May	2015	International Conference "Soils sustain life: too slow to form, too quick to lose"	http://icos.org.al/	Tirana,	Albania
28-29 April	2015	Spring meeting of the Soil Forum Austria, topics: soil awareness raising and information dissemination		Tulln/Austria	Austria
September	2015	Annual conference of ASSS, topic: Healthy soils for healthy life		Vienna/Austria	Austria
October	2015	Autumn meeting of Soil Forum Austria, location and topic tbd		Vienna/Austria	Austria
WSD	2015	Celebration of weeks of soil related movies in Austrian communes with a movie day in a cinema in Vienna/Austria		Vienna/Austria	Austria
December	2015	Exhibition Africa Soils 2015 (working title): starts december 4th in the Arenberglibrary,		University of Leuven	Belgium
Spring	2015	International workshop on making soil monoliths and laquer profiles – date still to be confirmed Activities together with the Dutch Soil Science Society, dates still to be confirmed A number of local projects and events, including thematic days, lectures, local exhibitions and a website – work under progress			Belgium
January 14th	2015	Ecological engineering: mastering microbiological ecology and its applications --- state of the art and perspectives		French Académie d'agriculture	France
		A thematic issue of the Revue forestière française \og La fertilité des sols forestiers est-elle à un tournant ? An exhibition on soils at the Museum d'histoire naturelle			France

		<p>de Toulouse, which is the second most ancient museum in France after Paris.</p> <p>An exhibition on soils at the Museum d'histoire naturelle d'Angers.</p> <p>An action in direction of clusters of Small and medium enterprises (SME) on taking into account soil properties in landscape modifications.</p>			
Spring	2015	a symposium on soil biology;		French Académie d'agriculture	France
December	2010	<p>a symposium organized jointly with Cnrs "Empreinte des climats et des hommes dans les sols et paléosols - Mémoires de nos jardins." ("Footprint of climates and men in soils and paleosoils --- Memories of our gardens").</p> <p>An international conference on soil biology</p>		Dijon (JIAG).	
10 Febr May Sept. 15 Oct.	2015	<p>LES CONFERENCES</p> <p>1) Cycle de conférence sur les sols dans le cadre des Mardis de l'Espace des sciences (Rennes) : http://www.espace-sciences.org/conferences/mardis-de-l-espace-des-sciences/rubrique Amphi Hubert Curien, 450 places, grand public</p> <p>(1) Menaces mondiales sur les sols (2) Droit du sol (3) Biologie des sols (4) Sols et changements climatiques</p> <p>(5) Sols et sécurité alimentaire / Luca Montanarella dates proposées : le 15 décembre 2015</p>	<p>Dominique Arrouays Alexandra Langlais Marcel Bouché Philippe Ciais</p>		

2) Les jeudis de l'Espace des sciences (St Malo)

Théâtre de la Ville, 300 places, St malo
Les services rendus par les sols à l'humanité / Christian Walter

date proposée : octobre 2015

LES ANIMATIONS SCIENTIFIQUES

Conférences et expositions dans une dizaine de communes autour de Rennes, scolaires + grand public

Village des sciences, Rennes, Métropole, septembre - octobre 2014

Réalisation et animation d'un stand avec des manips (à créer) : coupe de sols, monolithes, lames minces, cartographies etc.

Manips sous la forme d'objets inertes de taille manipulable, sous plexiglas.

Festival des sciences, Rennes, Métropole,

Conférences et expositions sur les sols

Connaître le génome du sol

Connaissances nouvelles sur les sols de Bretagne

La vie du sol c.

Sols et archéologie

Pollution des sols

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		<p>au niveau national</p> <p>Webinaires de l'AFES : cycle 2015 Année internationale sur les sols</p> <p>Par ailleurs, nous allons essayer avec F. Feder d'avoir un programme fourni de webinaires organisé par l'AFES Public : spécialistes, 100 auditeurs + mise en ligne des webinaires.</p>			
December	2014	National Kick-off Event to the UN Year of the Soils at the 4 th of December from 9am to 12.30pm	<p>BMUB/ UBA, KBU, DBG, BVB, ITVA Contact: Jeannette Mathews Federal Environment Agency FG II 2.7 Tel: 0340 2103 3320 Jeannette.mathews@uba.de</p>	Berlin, BMUB Stresemannstraße	Germany
4. December	2014	Ceremonial Act to the Soil of the Year 2015 and Symposium 14:00 – 19:00	<p>Board of Trustees Soil of the Year (BVB e.V., DBG, ITVA e.V., Federal Environment Agency), Platform for Actions in Soil Conservation and Federal Representation NRW Contact: Dr. Gerhard Milbert and Mayke Bosold</p>	Berlin, BMUB Stresemannstraße	Germany
5. December	2014	International Event to the UN Year of the Soil at the 5 th of December	<p>BMUB/ UBA Contact: Frank Glante Federal Environment Agency FG II 2.7 Tel: 0340 2103 3434 Frank.glante@uba.de</p>	Berlin, BMUB Stresemannstraße	Germany
January	2015	Green Week: Joint Stand BVB / DBG	<p>BVB/ DBG , German Soil Science Society Dr. Christian Ahl, Am Bärenberg 70 37077 Göttingen, dbg@dbgges.de www.dbgges.de</p>	Berlin	Germany
12. March	2015	<p>Conference: Energy Transition– a topic for the soil</p> <p>Target Audience: Professionals, Politics, Media</p>	<p>State Office for Mining, Energy and Geology (LBEG) + Federal Institute for Geoscience and Raw Materials (BGR) Contact: Nicole Engel, State Office for Mining, Energy and Geology , Stilleweg 2, 30655 Hannover Tel.: +49 (0)511 -643-3597 nicole.engel@lbeg.niedersachsen.de</p>	Geozentrum Hannover	Germany

			and Klaus Kruse Federal Institute for Geoscience and Raw Materials klaus.kruse@bgr.de		
19. - 20. March	2015	Symposium on brownfields 2015 Target Audience: Consulting, Administration, Science and Stakeholder	ITVA Contact: Sabine Gier Tel.: 030 / 48 63 82 80 Fax: 030 / 48 63 82 82 Mobil: 01523 / 398 79 27 E-Mail: info@itv-altlasten.de www.itv-altlasten.de	Bochum	Germany
25. -27. March	2015	“Global Change, Sustainable Development Goals and the Nexus” http://flores.unu.edu/nexus-kickoff-workshop/ http://flores.unu.edu/dresden-nexus-conference/	UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES), Ammonstrasse 74 01067 Dresden,	Dresden	Germany
Spring	2015	Soil Window – vocational training for nursery-school teachers Target Audience: Pedagogical skilled personal in the field of nursery-schools	Contact: Axel Schröder GEOGNOSTICS Boden- und Gewässerschutz: axel.schroeder@geognostics.de		Germany
Spring	2015	Cultural Event in the “Kulturspeicher Friedersdorf”, in which a permanent exhibition to the Soil of the Year is standing, together with wine distributors regarding the topic: Why tastes the wine so diverse? (Example Soil of the Year 2014)	ZALF Müncheberg. Contact: Prof. Dr. Monika Frielinghaus, ZALF Müncheberg Inst. f. Pedological Landscape Research D-15374 Müncheberg frielinghaus@zalf.de		Germany
16. - 17. April	2015	International Workshop "Soil as a resource"	Contact: Dr. Raimund Prinz Bavarian State Office for the Environment Office Hof, Dept. 108 Hans-Högn-Str. 12, 95030 Hof Email: raimund.prinz@lfu.bayern.de	Frauenchiemsee	Germany
19. – 23. April	2015	3rd Global Soil Week http://globalsoilweek.org/gsw2015_call/	IASS e.V. Contact: Thando Tilmann Global Soil Forum Team, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. Phone +49 331 288 22-317 www.iass-potsdam.de Berliner Strasse 130	Berlin	Germany

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28. April	2015	International Soil Conference Target Audience: Professionals	BMEL	Braunschweig, Thünen Institut	Germany
May	2015	Accessory program to the Long Night of Sciences Target Audience: Scientists and scientifically interested laymen	Natural History Museum Contact: Dr. Gesine Steiner, Tel. +49(0)30 2093 8917 Fax. + 49(0)30 2093 8914 E-Mail: gesine.steiner@mfn-berlin.de www.naturkundemuseum-berlin.de	Berlin	Germany
May/June	2015	Praxis-Dialogue Soil -To the state of agricultural used soils in the Uckermark (Excursion/ Workshop) Target Audience: Farmers and professional representations, lower environment and agriculture administrations (Regions NO-BB (UM, BAR)	ZALF, Inst. f. Pedological Landscape Research (in Coop. with LEFL, LBGR, GFZ, HNEE Contact: Prof. Dr. W. Hierold	Prenzlau-Dedelow (ZALF)	Germany
May/June (1-2 Days)	2015	Soil Fertility – how to preserve and to support? (working title) Workshop with field trip Target Audience: Farmers Ost-Brandenburg (LK MOL, LOS, BAR)	ZALF, Inst. f. Landscape Biogeochemistry (in Coop. with agrathaer, Society. f. conserv. Soil Management, Support Association Humus) Contact: Dr. Monika Joschko, Dr. Dietmar Barkusky	Müncheberg/ Lietzen (ZALF)	Germany
22. May to 16. August	2015	Presentation of the the new publication „Soil and Wine“ at the Bavarian Horticultural Show in Alzenau 2015 and participation to the topic soil at the exhibition pavilion of the Bavarian Ministry of State for the Environment and Consumer Protection	Bavarian Ministry of State for the Environment Contact: Dr. Raimund Prinz Bavarian State Office for the Environment Office Hof, Dept. 108 Preventive Soil Conservation, Soil Monitoring Hans-Högn-Str. 12, 95030 Hof raimund.prinz@lfu.bayern.de	Alzenau	Germany
June	2015	Conference: Waterconserving Soil Management	BMEL	Magdeburg	Germany
June	2015	The "Hofer Umwelttag" in the city of Hof will 2015 presumably has an emphasis on soils. The geological service will design an information stand to the topic „Soil“ with the soil presentation modules.	Bavarian State Office for the Environment Contact: Dr. Raimund Prinz Bayerisches Landesamt für Umwelt Office Hof Dept. 108 Hans-Högn-Str. 12, 95030 Hof raimund.prinz@lfu.bayern.de	Hof	Germany

5.-7. June	2015	Subterranean Marathon „42 Hours 19 Minutes on and in the Soil“ Target Audience: Families	Museum at the Schölerberg Osnabrück Contact: Norbert Niedernostheide, Museum at the Schölerberg, Nature and Environment – Planetarium, Klaus-Strick- Weg 10, D- 49082 Osnabrück Niedernostheide@osnabrueck.de	Museum am Schölerberg Osnabrück	Germany
17.- 18. June	2015	Conference: heavy machines, soil fertility	BMEL	Würzburg	Germany
Beginning July	2015	Open House at the Horticultural School Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf. There are separate events in the soil garden planned in order from SenStadtUm.	Contact: Marina Brandt Senate Department for Town Development and the Environment Department Soil Conservation and Brownfield Remediation Brückenstraße 6 10179 Berlin Tel.: 030-9025-2288 Fax.: 030-9025-2541	Berlin	Germany
Early Summer	2015	Acarian Colloquium Target Audience: Scientists, Soil-Zoologists, Acarologists	Senckenberg Natural History Museum Görlitz Contact: Dr. Axel Christian, Tel. 03581 47605201	Senckenberg Natural History Museum Görlitz	Germany
From July	2015	International touring exhibition “The thin skin of the Earth“ (working title) Planned Locations for the exhibition: - Görlitz: July/ August - Berlin: September/ October Frankfurt: November/ February 2015	Senckenberg Natural History Museum Görlitz Contact: Prof. Dr. Willy Xylander, Tel. 03581 47605201		Germany
July	2015	- In cooperation with regional secondary schools the pedological surveying in Marktredwitz will offer a field trip to soils within the northeastern Bavarian basement rocks. The target audience are pupils of the senior classes and/or teachers.	Bavarian State Office for the Environment Contact: Dr. Raimund Prinz Bavarian State Office for the Environment Office Hof Dept. 108 Hans-Högn-Str. 12, 95030 Hof Mailto:raimund.prinz@lfu.bayern.de		Germany
Late Summer	2015	Information Event „Soils“ for primary school teachers in Berlin. Target Audience: Pedagogical teachers and experts of primary schools and day nurseries.	Berlin Senate Department for Town Development, Environment + Berlin Senate Department for Education, Youth, Sports + Humboldt University	Berlin	Germany

			Berlin Contact: Axel Schröder GEOGNOSTICS Boden- und Gewässerschutz axel.schroeder@geognostics.de		
? August	2015	Open House at the Federal Government, Stand with pedological topics	BMUB	Berlin	Germany
September 15.- 17.9.	2015	ENSA-Conference in Mayland (EXPO)	ENSA – European Network Soil Consciousness Contact: European Land and Soil Alliance (ELSA) e. V./o City Osnabrück Referat für Stadtentwicklung und Bürgerbeteiligung Postfach 4460 D-49034 Osnabrück, Tel. +49 - (0)541 - 323 - 2000	Mayland (EXPO)	Germany
05.-10. September	2015	Annual Conference of the German Soil Science Society (Our Soils – Our Life)	German Soil Science Society Dr. Christian Ahl, Am Bärenberg 70 37077 Göttingen: dbg@dbges.de www.dbges.de	Munich	Germany
05-10. September	2015	Presentation of a unique up to 125.000 year old Ice Age-soil profile at the annual conference of the German Soil Science Society in Munich 2015. This profile documents the multiple changes of cold and warm intervals. It was found in a gravel quarry near Augsburg 2014 and was conserved.	Bavarian State Office for the Environment Contact: Dr. Raimund Prinz, Bavarian State Office for the Environment Office Hof Dept. 108., Soil Monitoring, Hans-Högn-Str. 12, 95030 Hof raimund.prinz@lfu.bayern.de	Munich, Ludwig- Maximilians-University	Germany
05-10. September	2015	Pedological Exhibition in the German Museum (type and extent still under discussion) in the context of the Conference in Munich 2015	German Soil Science Society Dr. Christian Ahl Am Bärenberg 70 37077 Göttingen. : dbg@dbges.de www.dbges.de	Munich	Germany
8. September	2015	VdLUFA-Congress of the section plant cultivation with emphasis on soils	BMEL	Göttingen	Germany
September	2015	Joint Event to “Side issue, Soil eating“ together with the UBA, the Commission Soil Conservation at the UBA (KBU) and the „Theater am Rand“ e.V.	Contact: Dr. Frank Glante Agency of the Commission Soil Conservation at the UBA (KBU) E-Mail: frank.glante@uba.de Umweltbundesamt Postfach Postfach 1406, 06813 Dessau	Theater am Rand in Zollbrücke (Oderbruch) www.theateramrand.de	Germany
20.-24. September	2015	5th International Symposium on Soil Organic Matter (http://www.som2015.org/)	Organized through DBG and more Contact: Conventus Congressmanagement & Marketing GmbH, Project Manager Claudia Tonn,	Georg-August- University Göttingen	Germany

			Carl-Pulfrich-Str. 1 07745 Jena som2015@conventus.de		
23.-26. September	2015	Conference: International Congress on the occasion of the International Year of Soils 2015 http://www.soils.uni-kiel.de/de/sustain-2015	Contact: Prof. Dr. Rainer Horn, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel E-Mail: rhorn@soils.uni-kiel.de	Christian Albrechts University Kiel	Germany
Fall	2015	Soil Window – vocational training for nursery-school teachers Target Audience: Pedagogical skilled personal in the field of nursery-schools	Contact: Axel Schröder GEOGNOSTICS Boden- und Gewässerschutz E-Mail: axel.schroeder@geognostics.de	UBA or Bezirksamt Reinickendorf	Germany
10.-14. November	2015	Stand of the LBEG at the Agritechnica with emphasis on soil	Contactin: Nicole Engel State Office for Mining, Energy and Geology, Stilleweg 2 30655 Hannover nicole.engel@lbeg.niedersachsen.de	Hannover	Germany
10.-14. November	2015	Stand of the BGR at the Agritechnica with emphasis on soil	Contact: Klaus Kruse BGR Stilleweg 2 30655 Hannover klaus.kruse@bgr.de	Hannover	Germany
December	2015	Wold Day of the Soil		Berlin	Germany

Other planned activities and projects to the UN Year of the Soils 2015

Date	Year	Activity/Project	Contact		
	2015	Soil Brochure	Lower Saxon Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Protection Contact: Friederike Ribbeck Niedersächsisches Ministerium für Umwelt, Energie und Klimaschutz - Referat 21 - Archivstraße 2, 30169 Hannover Telefon: 0511/120-3229 E-Mail: friederike.ribbeck@mu.niedersachsen.de		Germany
3rd quarter of	2015	Design of the magazine Soil Conservation of the BVB (Issue Nr.3/2015) Aim: Articles with multiple soil conservation topics from the State Berlin. Emphasis shall be on - Strategical basics for a professional soil conservation in Berlin	Contact: Marina Brandt Senate Department for Town Development and the Environment Referat Bodenschutz und Altlastensanierung Brückenstraße 6		Germany

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Berlin swamps in climate change - Presentation of the Berlin project "Soil Garden" 	10179 Berlin Tel.: 030-9025-2288 Fax.: 030-9025-2541		
	2015	Further publication to the project „Soil Garden“ At the moment a teacher handout for the stations within the „Soil Garden“ is being developed. It will be complemented with a comic version suitable for children in the kindergarten/primary school age.	Contact: Marina Brandt Senate Department for Town Development and the Environment Referat Bodenschutz und Altlastensanierung Brückenstraße 6 10179 Berlin Tel.: 030-9025-2288 Fax.: 030-9025-2541		Germany
Year-round	2015	12 Banners + Explanatory Booklet, Title: „With the soil through the year“; Content: Presentation of 12 landscapes in Lower Saxon with the associated soils and typical use. The banners will be published individually in the internet and are also lendable as exhibits and shall be used for various events.	LBEG Niedersachsen Contact: Nicole Engel Referat L3.3 - Landwirtschaft und Bodenschutz, Landesplanung	Landesamt für Bergbau, Energie und Geologie im GEOZENTRUM HANNOVER Stilleweg 2 , 30655 Hannover Telefon: +49 (0)511-643 3597 email: nicole.engel@lbege.niedersachsen.de	Germany
		Defined reissue of the „Articles to Soil Conservation“ together with the State Offices in Mecklenburg- West Pomerania and Brandenburg Part A. Soil Erosion Part B. Harmful Soil Compaction Handing over of the handouts in the framework of the corresponding events in each Federal State (date requested)	Responsible.: Frielinghaus, Deumlich, Funk (alle ZALF Müncheberg) Contact: Prof. Dr. Monika Frielinghaus ZALF Müncheberg Inst. f. Bodenlandschaftsforschung D-15374 Müncheberg frielinghaus@zalf.de		Germany
	2015	Reissue of the game „Soil knowledge in the twinkling of an eye“	A joint action of: BGR, LBEG, UBA mit Unterstützung vom Senckenberg Museum für Naturkunde Görlitz Contact: Jeannette Mathews Umweltbundesamt, FG II 2.7 Wörlitzer Platz 1 06844 Dessau		Germany
	Spring 2015	Soil-Atlas Germany http://www.bgr.bund.de/DE/Themen/Boden/Projekte/Ressourcenbewertung_und_management_laufend/Bodenatlas/Bodenatlas_Deutschland.html	Federal Institute for Geoscience and Raw Materials Contact: Dipl.-Geogr. Klaus Kruse Tel.: +49-(0)511-643-3795		Germany

	2015	Picture Exhibition in the UBA „Colors of the Earth“ of Bernhard Edmaier.	E-Mail: Klaus.Kruse@bgr.de Federal Environment Agency Contact: Fotini Mavromati E-Mail: fotini.mavromati@uba.de		
	2015	Mrs Annett Hoffmann; ETH Zurich, is going to convert 18 soil type names (incl. Marsch, Schwarzerde, Esch) for a landscape scenery and for beer coasters	Contact: German Soil Science Society Dr. Christian Ahl, Am Bärenberg 70 37077 Göttingen dbg@dbges.de , www.dbges.de		Germany
	2015	Contest to Soil Conservation, which decorates local initiatives to conserve soil and encourages them to further actions through a small amount of money (currently still in conception stage). Stakeholders: Sustainability Council together with the German Federal Trust for the Environment, Alnatura, ahu AG Wasser Boden Geomatik and the BioBodenGesellschaft of the GLS Community Bank.	Contact: Dorothee Braun Rat für Nachhaltige Entwicklung Geschäftsstelle c/o GIZ GmbH Potsdamer Platz 10, 10785 Berlin Internet: www.nachhaltigkeitsrat.de		Germany
Date	Year	Event	Responsible Person	Location	Country
2.-4. June	2015	Land Quality and Landscape Processes Conference Including two workshops: I. Resource use efficiency in agriculture in Europe and China <i>organized by the Sino-EU Panel on Land and Soil</i> II. Soil information in the Danube basin <i>within the Land and Soil Nexus of the EU's Danube Strategy</i> weitere Informationen: http://lq2015.georgikon.hu/	EEA, JRC, <i>University of Pannonia, Chinese Academy of Sciences, International Union of Soil Sciences</i> <i>u.w.</i> http://lq2015.georgikon.hu/	Keszthely, Hungary	Hungary
July	2015	10th ECPA meeting: Precision agriculture for efficient resources management under changing global conditions		Bet-Dagan,	Israel
3-5 JUNE	2015	a three days Course of Culture in Ecology titled “Soil ecology and future, keeping our feet on the ground” by the Centro Studi per l'Ambiente Alpino,		University of Padua – Italy	Italy
September 2015	15.-17.9. or 22.-24.9.?	ENSA-Conference in Mayland (EXPO)	ENSA – European Network Soil Consciousness. Contact: European Land and Soil Alliance (ELSA) e. V.	c/o City Osnabrück, Referat für Stadtentwicklung und Bürgerbeteiligung, Postfach 4460 D-49034 Osnabrück	Mayland (EXPO)
5 th December	2014	Soil calendar for 2015. will be published on theand will be distributed under all municipalities, counties and relevant stakeholder organizations in Norway. Each month a relevant			Norway

		topic will be taken up			
31. August – 3. September	2015	The 29 th Congress of the Polish Soil Science Society. “Soil Resources and Sustainable Development”	http://www.org.up.wroc.pl/igosr/PTG29/index_a.html	Wroclaw	Poland
June	2015	A Documentary about " Soil use and protection ".			Spain
June	2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An official stamp edited by the Spanish <i>Sociedad Estatal de Correos y Telégrafos</i>. 2. Documentary on the soil, to be broadcasted through TV. 3. Comic: Living in the soil. 4. Elaboration of a Report on Soil Science Education in Spain 5. White Paper: "The treatment of the entry 'SOIL' in textbooks for primary and secondary education in Spain". 6. International Soil Museum in Spain on different locations. 7. Poster collection on forest soil diversity, traveling through different universities in Spain where it will be exhibited. 8. Series of lectures on soils by international relevant guests in various forums of Spain. 9. Collaboration with State Lotteries and Sweepstakes. 10. Exhibition "Soil Art: painting with soil". Artist: José Caballo. 11. Multilingual Dictionary of Soil Science in Spanish, Catalan, Galician and Portuguese, with English and French equivalents. 12. Photographic Competition on soils. 13. Dissemination of the study of soils in schools and HEIs. 			Spain

12-17 April	2015	Session SSS8.3: Remediation of Polluted Soils, EGU General Assembly		Vienna	Spain
15-19 September	2015	International Conference, 'Pedodiversity: Space and Time', Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine, , 2015. Co-Chairs: Baliuk Sviatoslav, Baveye Philippe, Bech Jaume, Lysychenko Georgij, Zagorski Zbigniew			Spain
October	2015	Opening lecture of the academic year, Reial Acadèmia de Ciències i Arts de Barcelona, on a Soil Science subject by Jaume Bech, Academician			Spain
	2015	Publications as a Guest Editor: Special Issue of the JSS: 'Soil Pollution and Remediation' in press (to be published in 2015) ;Special Issue of CATENA, 'Management and Reclamation of Mining Site Soils' in press (to be published in 2015).Special Issue of JSS, 'Phytoremediation of contaminated soils by heavy metals' in press (to be published in 2015).			Spain
14-18 September	2015	Pedometrics conference, Cordoba (Spain)	https://sites.google.com/site/pedometrics2015/home		Spain
November	2014	Romanian National Society of Soil Science and University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Banat „King Michael I of Romania” Timisoara organizes 2 events:			Romania
21.11	2014	the workshop “Soil Science and challenges the 3rd millennium” in the <i>Young people in modern agriculture Symposium</i>			Romania
11.11.	2014	the workshop “Soil quality status in Timis County” in <i>Quality week</i> organized by General Association of Engineers from Romania			Romania
18. – 22.	May 2015	AGROecological assessment and Functional-environmental Optimization of Soils and TERrestrial ecosystems (AGROFOSTER)	http://agrofooster-essc.lamp-rf.ru Contact: Prof. Ivan Vasenev Head of Ecology Department – Russian Timiryazev State Agrarian University (RTSAU; 49, Timiryazev str., 127550 Moscow (Russian Federation): vasenev@timacad.ru	Moscow	Russia
16.-21.	August	2015 Goldschmidt Conference		Prag	Tschech Republic

	2015	http://www.geochemsoc.org/programs/goldschmidtconference/ The Goldschmidt Conference™ is the premiere international conference on geochemistry. It is owned jointly by the Geochemical Society and the European Association of Geochemistry.			
22-26. July	2015	26 th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) www.iugg2015prague.com		Prag	Tschech Republic
14.-16. October	2015	9th International Soil Science Congress on "The Soul of Soil and Civilization" http://soil2014.com/ The congress will focus on multidisciplinary approach to soil science, with special interest on basic research, latest and technological developments for soil use and management. The scientific sessions and panels will also emphasize basic concepts of soil.		Antalya	Turkey
15-19 September	2015	Conference "Pedodiversity: space and time" 2015		Department of Soil Science of Chernivtsy National University	Ukraine
					Africa
19-22 January	2015	The Soil Science Society of South Africa (SSSSA) will celebrate the International Year of Soils at our local Combined Congress, in 2015. Along with this, we celebrate our society's 60 year anniversary, and the 50 year anniversary of our first local Soil Science Congress. The Combined Congress will be held in George, from January, 2015. Along with the SSSSA, the Combined Congress hosts sister societies South African Society for Crop Production (SASCP), South African Weed Science Society (SAWSS) and the South African Society of Horticultural Sciences (SASHS). See http://www.combinedcongress.org.za/mainpage.htm for more details of the congress. Soil Science festivities at the congress will include a special Keynote address; a Soil Science function on one night of the congress; a stand celebrating Soils, and soils-related gifts to all congress delegates.		Department of Soil Science of Chernivtsy National University	South Africa
September	2015	14th World Forestry Congress		Durban (RSA)	South Africa

2nd week in January	2015	Press releases in Newspapers and Radio			Nigeria												
9th-13th March	2015	* 39th Annual Conference of the Soil Science Society of Nigeria on Managing Nigerian Soils for Food Security and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Landmark		University Omu-Aran, Kwara State, Nigeria	Nigeria												
	2015	Inauguration of a National Steering Committee on the implementation of the IYS by the Hon Minister of Agriculture			Nigeria												
					America												
19.-21. May	2015	Global Soil Security Symposium	Texas A&M University, College Station	Texas	USA												
1.-4. June	2015	Global Workshop on Digital Soil Morphometrics	University of Wisconsin, http://digitalsoilmorphometrics.org/	Madison	USA												
	2015	<p>MONTHLY THEMES</p> <p>During the International Year of Soils, SSSA will have monthly theme natural environment and society. Each month will have information on activities. Below is a listing of the SSSA themes, and monthly leader(s)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>January - Soils Sustain Life, Kate Scow & Dave Lindbo</td> <td>July - Soils and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February - Soils Support Urban Life, Sally Brown</td> <td>August - Soils</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March - Soils Support Agriculture, Aaron de Joia & Matt Duncan</td> <td>September - S Tom Fox</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April - Soils Clean and Capture Water, Gary Pierzynski</td> <td>October - Soil Rice & Rob Fit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May - Soils Support Buildings/Infrastructure, Larry Baldwin & Haly Neely</td> <td>November - S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June - Soils Support Recreation, Mary Beth Adams</td> <td>December - S Szulczewski</td> </tr> </table>	January - Soils Sustain Life, Kate Scow & Dave Lindbo	July - Soils and	February - Soils Support Urban Life, Sally Brown	August - Soils	March - Soils Support Agriculture, Aaron de Joia & Matt Duncan	September - S Tom Fox	April - Soils Clean and Capture Water, Gary Pierzynski	October - Soil Rice & Rob Fit	May - Soils Support Buildings/Infrastructure, Larry Baldwin & Haly Neely	November - S	June - Soils Support Recreation, Mary Beth Adams	December - S Szulczewski			North America
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2 to 5. June	2015	Soil Congress 2015, (www.sueloscuba.com) which is the Regional Congress for the Regional Soil Partnership for Mexico,			Cuba												

		Latin-American, and Cuba. Furthermore, there will be a TV, radio and press promotion program about soil and the importance of Healthy Soils for Food Security. National Program for Soil Melioration and Conservation and the Demonstrative Areas for LSM in 17 areas through the whole country			
18-20 March	2015	VIII Costa Rican Soil Science Congress	Asociación Costarricense de la Ciencia del Suelo, San Jose and Puntarenas, Costa Rica, , 2015, www.congresosuelos.com , Organization of a photography competition among young people (9-13 and 13-18 years) related with soil theme; Publication of a lottery ticket alluding to soils		Costa Rica
5.-10. July	2015	ISMOM 2015 (Interactions of Soil Minerals with Organic Components and Microorganisms)	Comission2,5 IUSS http://ismom2015.conference.mcgill.ca/indexOf50.html	Montreal	Canada
14-21 March	2015	XI Brazilian Meeting on Soils Classification and Correlation	www.embrapa.br/solos/eventos/rcc	Boa Vista City, RR, Brazil	Brazil
25-27 April	2015	Additionally, the following event will also be part of our activities as partners of the promoter : Soil Governance Conference	(Brasília, DF, Brazil 2015, promoted by the Brazilian Federal Court of Accounts, with the support of the Brazilian Soil Science Society and Embrapa Soils; info at rafaellt@tcu.gov.br) .		Brazil
9.-12 March	2015	3rd UNCCD Scientific Conference	http://3sc.unccd.int	CANCÚN Mexico	Mexico
		Expected promulgation of a " Law on Soils of Venezuela", together with the National Assembly(2015) Publication of a practical and simple Book on Soils for Kindergarten and Primary School			Venezuela
10 July	2015	Symposium on the " Importance of Soils for life" to take place the			Venezuela
2--5 Dec	2015	XXI Venezuelan Soil Congress		San Cristobal, Tachira	Venezuela

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	2014	Soil Science Society Bangladesh plans to celebrate the "World Soil Day" 2014 in a befitting manner. Soils Olympiad, essay competition at the school, college and university levels have been arranged. The day will be concluded with symposium			Bangladesh
7.-11 December	2015	Conference on Conservation Agriculture for Smallholders in Asia and Africa http://www.scac2014.org/		Mymensingh,	Bangladesh
May	2015	Symposium on soil environment		Taiyuan, China	China
	2015	The 15th symposium of national youth soil scientists and soil fertilizer scientists			China
	2015	Symposium on root system and rhizosphere process for high yield and high efficiency of crops		Yangzhou, China	China
	2015	The national symposium on soil physics			China
	2015	Field operation training on Soil survey and classification		Qingdao, China	China
5, December	2015	Make celebration poster of World Soil Day and send it to members of SSSC by email			China
December	2015	70th anniversary celebration and symposium of SSSC			China
November	2015	The 1st national Soil Judging Contest		Chongqing, China	China
November	2015	The 10th joint meeting of deans of agricultural resource and environmental colleges or academies		Jiangsu province, China	China
24-28, October	2015	Symposium on relationship of soil management and forest productivity and water resources protection		Shenyang, China	China
26-28, September	2015	The 8th national symposium on soil organism and biochemistry and the 3rd national symposium on soil and health		Fuzhou, China	China
20, September	2015	Soil science popular lecture for adolescents		Heyuan, China	China

18-21, September	2015	The 12 th International Conference of East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies (ESAFS2015)		Nanjing, China	China
14-18, September	2015	20th International Soil and Tillage Research Organization Conference (20 th ISTRO Conference)		Nanjing, China	China
15-16, August	2015	The 2nd youth academic forum on water-soil conversation and ecological environment		Nanjing, China	China
15-16, August	2015	The development of researches on soil erosion and water-soil conservation in China		Jiangxi province, China	China
August,	2015	Informationization management and sustainable utilization of soil resources		Jiangxi province, China	China
August	2015	Academic meeting on classified management and utilization of saline-alkali soil		Nanchang, China	China
July or August	2015	Symposium on fertilization and environmental security		Weifang, China	China
16-23, May	2015	Science popular exhibition on soil		Chifeng, China	China
12-15, May	2015	The 4th Global Workshop on Proximal Soil Sensing(GWPSS2015)		Nanjing, China	China
		Impacts of human activities on pedogenesis along a gradient of urbanization	Watanabe Makiko, Tokyo Metropolitan University, m.wata@tmu.ac.jp Kosaki Takashi, Tokyo Metropolitan University, kosakit8@tmu.ac.jp Kawahigashi Masayuki, kawahigashi-masayuki@tmu.ac.jp	Tokio	Japan
		Extent and impact of biospheric contamination with artificial and natural radionuclides by human activities Radioactivity	Hirofumi Tsukada, Institute of Environmental Fukushima University, hirot@ies.or.jp together with INQUA		Japan
Oct 2,- Man 31	2014 -, 2015	Photo contest of soils		Tsukuba	Japan
Dec 5	2014	Exhibition of soil monolith profiles		Tokyo	Japan
Dec 7	2014	, Special open forum in celebration of IYS 2015		Tokyo	Japan
March 21- Jan 24	2015 2016	Mobile soil museum		Tokyo, Saitama, Kyoto, Hyogo, Ibaraki etc	Japan

May 4-5	2015	, Annual meeting of Japanese Society of Pedology		Gunma	Japan
May 24-29	2015	Annual meeting of Japan Geoscience Union (JpGU)		Chiba	Japan
July 12-16	2015	, 13th ICOBTE (International Conference on the Biogeochemistry of Trace Elements)		Fukuoka	Japan
July 27 - Aug 2	2015	19th INQUA (International Union for Quaternary Research)		Nagoya	Japan
Sep 9-11	2015	Annual meeting of Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition		Kyoto	Japan
Sep 10	2015	Poster session on soil science and plant nutrition for high school students			Japan
Sep 11	2015	Special symposium on irreplaceable soil resources		Kyoto	Japan
Sep 19-22	2015	Joint symposium at ESAFS		Nanjing, China	Japan
Sep 23-26	2015	Joint symposium at IUSS meeting		Kiel; Germany	Japan
Sep 25-28	2015	Pedologist training course for young scientists		Sendai	Japan
Oct 3	2015	Special symposium on the soils and agricultural sciences			Japan
Dec 5	2015	Special symposium in celebration of IYS 2015		Tokyo	Japan
5. Dec	2014	General Public Education Taiwan's soil resources. The first forum will be held at College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, NCHU on as part of the "Launch of IYS" activities.	organized by Prof. Alex McBratney and Prof. Zueng-Sang Chen (NTU).		Taiwan
	2015	International Collaboration A series of international workshops and seminars will be held in 2015, including one			Taiwan
Dec 5	2014	"Launch of IYS" ceremony, together with accompanying educational activities and exhibitions, will be held at Taiwan Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) on 2014/12/05, the same day as UN			Taiwan

Dec 5	2014	"Know Homeland Soils" competition will also be held at TARI on 2015/12/05 to conclude the celebration of IYS.			Taiwan
	2015	"Know Our Soils" demonstrations will be held, though out 2015, as "Open Day" of District Agricultural Research and Extension Stations, and at elementary, junior-high, high schools and community colleges distributed at different regions within Taiwan by students from Department of		Soil and Environmental Sciences, National Chung Hsing University (NCHU).	Taiwan
		"Know Taiwan Soils" film series will be made with the assistance from several companies known for producing good quality popular science films and broadcasted on TV			Taiwan
					Australia
	2015	1. Policies and Action Plans A series of forums centered on "Soil Resources Conservation and Soil Quality Enhancement" will be held to initiate effective policies and action plans for the sustainable management and protection of Australia			Australia

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National activity	IYS Objective					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Publish 2015 IYS Soil Science in Australia magazine featuring leading soil science news and articles for politicians, policy makers and the general public.	√	√	√	√		
Publish 2015 Soils Calendar with an international soils theme for distribution to policy makers and politicians and available on line to the general public.	√	√	√	√		
Support existing museum displays with soil information in situ and online to encourage school children to explore soils using the FAO Soils Challenge material.	√	√	√			
Coordinate a national soil webinar in conjunction with the WA State Soils Conference	√			√	√	
Work toward establishing international accreditation for soil scientists with the American and British Societies of Soil Science.						√
Develop the Australian Soil eARTH project designed to bring together indigenous stories, art and soil science for the enjoyment and education of the general public in Australia.	√					