International Paleopedology meeting

International Union of Soil Science
International Quaternary Union Working Group
Paleopedology Commission
Researchers of the Quaternary and the Anthropocene (INCUA)
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On-line conference June 10-11, 2021

Announcement and Call for Papers

As a consequence of the pandemic, the International Commission on Paleopedology of IUSS decides to organize a two-day-on-line meeting with scientific sessions, in order to ensure everyone's health and safely and to not limit participation due to travel restrictions. During the online meeting, we propose to discuss the contribution of paleopedology to understanding the interaction of societies with their environment throughout the whole history of hominids and from the other hand – the feedback that soil science could receive studying types, rates of pedogenetic processes in the ancient anthropogenic contexts.

Paleosols (Soils?) and ancient societies: from early humans till industrial revolution

- 1. Walking over paleosols in and out of Africa: paleopedological indicators of early human ecology along the routes of initial peopling of the world.
- 2. Soil mantle and ancient agriculture: transformation, degradation, resilience. Paleopedological indicators of ancient land use. Man-made soils and soil horizons: artificial terraces, raised fields, plaggen.
- 3. Features, processes and evolution of urban pedogenesis: settlement soils from Palaeolithic to Industrial era. Stratigraphy, microstratigraphy, and micromorphology of the archaeological soil-sedimentary sequences and living floors as a record/memory/archive of site formation processes, and on-site life cycles
- 4. Soil as raw material for ancient technologies (earth architecture, ceramic etc.): provenance, chaîne opératoire, environmental effects
- 5. Soil chronosequences on the artificial landsurfaces as a tool for evaluating timescales, rates and characteristic times of pedogenetic processes

Organising Committee

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Deadlines:

Abstract reception until May 15th Program publication: June 1st

The on-line conference will be on the zoom platform, hosted by Institute of Geology.