

ISC Award 2021

Distinguished Audience,

I thank the International Science Council for conferring to me the “Science-for-Policy Award 2021”, thus recognizing not only my scientific achievements, but also the importance of my field of science, the soil, as the basis of life.

This award is the highlight of my professional career as a forest engineer and natural scientist. It also confirms my way in developing new concepts through the combination and application of different kinds of knowledge.

In the future, science can support and promote the sustainable development of human societies, if it is able to explain in an understandable way, the complex interdependencies between nature and the social, economical, and technical impacts of human activities to the broad public and to politics.