



**1st WORLD CONFERENCE
ON SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION
UNDER GLOBAL CHANGE
(CONSOWA)
*Sustainable Life on Earth
through
Soil and Water Conservation***

A joint Conference of the “International Soil Conservation Organization” (19th ISCO Conference), the “World Association for Soil and Water Conservation” (WASWAC), the “European Society for Soil Conservation” (8th ESSC Congress), the “International Union of Soil Science (IUSS-Commissions 3.2, 3.6), the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS), the “International Erosion Control Association”(IECA) and the “World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research“(WASER) in parallel with the VIII Simposio Nacional sobre Control de la Degradación y Restauración de Suelos (SECS)

12-16 June 2017, Lleida (Spain)

Sponsors: *Universitat de Lleida (UdL), Spanish Society of Soil Science (SECS), ISCO, WASWAC, ESSC, IUSS, SWCS, WASER, IECA, ICEA and EGU*

NEWS ABOUT CONSOWA2017 (15 November 2016)
(www.consowalleida2017.com)

Dear potential participants in CONSOWA2017:

The organization of CONSOWA2017 is progressing as planned, with very good preview in relation to participation of soil and water conservation scientists from all around the World. We are in the process of assuring the participation of a group of very qualified key-note speakers in the different topics of the programmed scientific sessions. Besides, we will have a number of scholarships to facilitate the participation of a selected group of PhD (Dr) students and young scientists, thanks to the contribution of several organizations (IUSS, EGU, ESSC), including CONSOWA.

The planning of the field trips is advancing very well, with programmed interesting visits to sites where varied problems and solutions to different soil and water degradation processes will be observed, together with impressive natural and man-made touristic attractions. The day before the opening of the Congress scientific sessions there is programmed a Workshop, at no cost for participants, about the use of a new Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model (RHEM), under the conduction of a group of USDA-ARS scientists.

Based on numerous requests from potential participants, there has been decided to postpone the deadlines for short abstract submission and for early registration.

Details about those news are included in the attached information, included in the web of CONSOWA2017.

Ildefonso Pla Sentís
President of CONSOWA

POSTPONEMENT OF DEADLINES*:

New deadline for short abstract submission:

15 January 2017

New deadline for early registration at reduced rates:

30 January 2017

(* These deadlines are definitive.
No more postponements are previewed)

New sponsors of CONSOWA2017:

European Geosciences Union (EGU)



International Union of Soil Sciences
Stimulus Fund

New discussion sessions:

Discussion Session 1*

Analysis and recommendations to change present limitations for the study and research of soil and water degradation processes and in the application of prevention and remediation practices.

Discussion Session 2*

(Activity dedicated to the International Decade of Soils (2015-2024) proclaimed by the IUSS)

Analysis and setting the challenges and required achievements in the next decade, to prevent and counteract the previewed effects of global changes on soil and water degradation processes and effects on food and water supply for the increasing World population and on the environmental degradation and natural disasters.

(*Based on previously written documents by a selected international group of experts. They would be integrated in a unique document to be distributed among participants in the discussion session, which contributions would be included in the final document to be published as part of the conclusions and recommendations of CONSOWA2017.)

SELECTION OF CONGRESS FIELD TRIP

(included in the registration fee):

(Please see the numbers and description of the different field trips in the web of CONSOWA)

Upon registration in CONSOWA (the same for the already registered participants), you may send an email with your first and second selection to:

J. Carles Balasch (fundacio@udl.cat) with the following information:

Name:

Email address:

Date of registration in CONSOWA:

Selection of field trip (1,2,3,4 or 5): 1st selection (); 2nd selection ()

The places will be reserved in strict order of reception of the selections by registered participants.

If you do not make the selection before 30 April 2017, you will be listed in any field trip with empty places

Workshop RHEM (Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model)

A workshop training session designed to provide the workshop participants background on dominant hydrologic and erosion processes on rangelands, which are the basis of the Rangeland Hydrology and Erosion Model (RHEM). The RHEM model is a new technology from the USDA research groups that is designed specifically for application to grazing lands and grazing land management for soil erosion. The workshop will show users how to access and interpret model predictions using examples for different ecological and climatic conditions.

Participants will need to bring a windows based laptop to run the model during the workshop. If the user wants to become familiar with the model and background science before the workshop, the RHEM model can be accessed at <<http://dss.tucson.ars.ag.gov/rhem/>> and RHEM scientific publications at <<http://apps.tucson.ars.ag.gov/rhem/docs>>

The workshop will be held at the Agriculture and Forestry campus of UdL (ETSEA), probably in a room with computer facilities* for all participants, the evening of Sunday 11 June 2017, from 14-18h. (*if such is the case, there would not be required participant laptops to run the model).

The workshop will be conducted by 5-6 instructors from the USDA-ARS, the University of Nevada and the Desert Research Institute of Nevada (USA), belonging to the RHEM developing team. Participants will receive digital copy of lecture, worksheets and other documents required to understand and use the erosion prediction tool.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION IN THE WORKSHOP RHEM (11 June 2017)

Only participants already registered in CONSOWA2017 may apply.

Participants in the Workshop have to plan to reach Lleida in the morning of Sunday 11 June 2017 the latest.

The maximum number of participants will be 30, selected in strict order of reception of applications.

The applications have to be addressed by email to:

Rosa M. Poch (fundacio@udl.cat)
with the following information:

I wish to participate in the Workshop RHEM

Name:

Country:

Institution:

Address email:

Date of registration in CONSOWA2017:

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CONSOWA2017

CONSOWA2017 offers scholarships, provided by CONSOWA and other Organizations (IUSS, EGU), for PhD (Dr) students and young researchers (less than 40 years old), mainly, but not only, from developing countries, to attend the Conference. Those scholarships will cover mainly registration fees, and in some special cases will include additional funds for accommodation and part of travel costs. The beneficiaries will have to present a communication (poster or oral) at the Conference, which will be the main factor to be considered for the selection.

The candidates should send, before 31 January 2017, the following items for the selection process:

- **A letter asking for the scholarship, explaining the main reasons for it**
- **Copy of passport**
- **CV**
- **In the case of PhD (Dr) students, current registration at the university and valid student card**
- **Copy of abstract (short and extended) submitted at the conference**

These items should be sent to the Selection Committee appointed by CONSOWA :
Ildefonso Pla <fundacio@udl.cat>

The selected students and young researchers will be informed by March 15, 2017.

Besides these scholarships, ESSC will provide 2 grants for young researchers, according to the following conditions:



GRANTS

for young researchers that wish to attend the

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The ESSC provides **2** grants of **500.00 Euro** each to **2 young researchers** (less than 35 years old) members¹ of the ESSC. The grants will support their participation to the CONSOVA CONFERENCE (Lleida, Spain, from 12 to 16 June 2017).

To apply for a grant just fill in the following **grant application form** and send it by e-mail to the President and to the Secretary of the ESSC (carmelo.dazzi@unipa.it; edoardo.costantini@crea.gov.it) no later than **January 31th, 2017** together with:

1. An extended abstract of the paper that the applicant wishes to present at the conference (four pages with: **Introduction; Material and Methods; Results; Conclusions; Keywords**);
2. A short curriculum vitae of the applicant;
3. A letter of presentation from the Institution/Department of the applicant.

Ad hoc ESSC Commission will evaluate the grants requests. Applicants will be notified of the Commission's decision within **March 1st, 2017**.

ESSC GRANT APPLICATION FORM

NAME	
SURNAME	
PLACE OF BIRTH	
DATE OF BIRTH	
NATIONALITY	
INSTITUTION	
ADDRESS	
Presentation (oral/poster)	
Title of presentation	

¹ Note that [membership subscription](#) can be submitted at the same time of the grant application.