



## SOILS FOR OUR FUTURE

**Symposium and Ceremonial Presentation of the IUSS Distinguished Service Medal to Dr. Franz Fischler, former Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Austria, former Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries of the European Union and former President of the European Forum Alpbach**

**Venue: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna,  
Gregor-Mendel-Straße 33, 1180 Vienna, Austria**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2021**

11:00 – 11:05 Welcome by Prof. Hubert Hasenauer, Rector of BOKU University

11:05 - 11:10 Welcome by Dr. Andreas Baumgarten, President of the Austrian Society of Soil Science

11:10 – 11:30 Dr. Fischler's contribution to the development of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) by em. Prof. Winfried E.H. Blum, BOKU University

11:30 – 11:50 Introduction to the history of the IUSS Distinguished Service Medal and ceremonial presentation of the medal to Dr. Franz Fischler by the President of IUSS, Prof. Laura Bertha Reyes Sánchez, UNAM, Mexico

11:50 – 12:10 The IUSS and its role in the worldwide protection and management of soils, address by Prof. Rainer Horn, former President of IUSS, University Kiel, Germany

12:10 – 12:30 Discussion on further international cooperation for our soils

12:30 Closure