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in cooperation with

**International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS),  
European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC),  
The State Agricultural Intervention Fund regional  
department Olomouc (SAIF)**

under the auspices of

**The Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of the  
Environment of the Czech Republic,  
the Rector of Palacký University in Olomouc,  
and the Dean of the Faculty of Science of Palacký University  
in Olomouc**

present

**The 5<sup>th</sup> WASWAC World Conference**

on the theme of

## **ADAPTATION STRATEGIES FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION IN A CHANGING WORLD**

**19. – 23. 6. 2023, at Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic**

In relation to intensive agricultural and forestry activity, climate change and other influences, soil and water in the landscape are under increasing pressure and ecosystem services are disrupted. It is therefore necessary to seek and implement measures which will mitigate the negative impact on the components of the environment, especially on soil and water, and will lead to sustainable agricultural and forestry production while also ensuring non-productive functions, in accordance with a number of international and national documents, e.g. the EU Soil Strategy until 2030.

### **The conference aims are:**

- To analyse the present and future situation of soil and water conservation on a worldwide scale while taking local specifics into consideration.
- To analyse the effects of population growth, human activity and climate change on soil and water in the context of the demands of sustainable farming, water and food supply.
- To promote and increase collaboration between scientific organisations, policymakers, the general public and practitioners.
- To determine goals, strategies and directions for conservation of soil and water as basic non-renewable natural resources for current exploitation and the needs of future generations.

### **The following lecture sections are based on these aims:**

1. Analysis of soil and water protection on a global and local scale
2. Research into the impact of anthropogenic and natural influences on soil and water from the point of view of production and non-production.
3. Examples of cooperation between scientific organizations, policymakers and practitioners in soil and water conservation, including the possibility of public involvement.
4. National and international goals, strategies and directions for soil and water conservation from the point of view of present and future generations.

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**Conference venue**

Palacký University Olomouc

Faculty of Science

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## About Venue - City Olomouc

**Olomouc** is a statutory and university city, the centre of the Olomouc Region. It currently has approx. 100,000 inhabitants and is located in the heart of Moravia in the eastern part of the Czech Republic.

Olomouc ranks among the oldest cities of the Czech Republic. In the 10th century it was the main centre of Moravia and the seat of the bishop. In the Middle Ages, Olomouc was the third largest city after Prague and Brno. However, this changed after the city was occupied by the army of the Swedish Empire between 1642 and 1650. In the middle of the 18th century, the city was rebuilt into a powerful fortress and Olomouc used to be an important defence centre, the seat of a strong military garrison. However, Olomouc primarily remained a spiritual centre, in 1777 the bishopric of Olomouc was elevated to an archbishopric. The Archbishop's Palace, which was built on the foundations of the Romanesque bishopric, still serves its purpose today.

The city centre has preserved a unique historical atmosphere. It has splendid palaces, beautiful town houses and majestic churches. The dominant feature of the old town is the originally Romanesque castle and the cathedral of St. Wenceslas. In 2000, Olomouc entered the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage List, thanks to the Baroque Column of the Holy Trinity, which, with a height of 35 m, is one of the tallest in the Czech Republic and forms one of the dominant features of the Upper Square (Horní náměstí). A characteristic symbol of Olomouc is the Gothic-Renaissance town hall with an astronomical clock on the Horní náměstí, the first mention of which dates back to 1378. The original astronomical clock from the 15th century was remodelled into its present form in the 1950s by the famous Olomouc artist Karel Svoboda.





## Palacký University

**Palacký University in Olomouc** is the second oldest university in the Czech Republic. It dates back to 1573, when the former Jesuit college received privileges comparable to other European universities, granted by the Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian II. At the dawn of its history, the university consisted of two faculties which provided education in liberal arts and theology. The university was also recognized outside the Czech Republic, and its scope extended from Moravia and Silesia through Poland, Hungary and Austria to Germany, Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. The Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) marked one of the darkest periods in the history of Olomouc. The city was occupied by the Swedish army for eight years. After the departure of the Swedish troops, the university began to flourish. The Jesuits began an extensive building program, creating a number of impressive Baroque buildings for the order and the university itself. Many scientific disciplines were successfully taught at the university.

The development of the university was hampered by the suppression of the Jesuit order at the end of the 18th century. The university turned into a secular institution run by the state. Its status was reduced to a three-year lyceum when the emperor decided to retain universities only in Vienna, Prague and Lviv. The study of medicine and surgery became a separate field.

The return to full university status came in 1827. After 1848, growing government intolerance led to the gradual closure of faculties, until, in 1860, Emperor Francis Joseph I closed practically the entire university. Only the separate Faculty of Theology remained open. Olomouc University was then restored in 1946 as the Palacký University named after the historian František Palacký. This was the beginning of the modern era and development of the university, which currently has 8 faculties and approximately 22,000 students.





## Important Deadlines

Fee payment: by 30.4.2023

Registration and abstract submission:	by 6 March 2023
Abstract acceptance announcement	31.3.2023
Accommodation booking:	by 30.4.2023

## Registration and payment

### Conference registration fee:

**Basic fee** €300

**Reduced fee** (students, doctoral students) €250

Registration fees include organizational costs, a collection of abstracts, refreshments during the conference days, lunches and a social evening

### Excursion fees:

1 or 2 – **South Moravia or Beskydy** €50

3 or 4 – **Konická and Bouzovská vrchovina or Litovelské Pomoraví** €40

Fees include organizational costs, transport, refreshments

**Tour of historical Olomouc** €15

The fee includes guide services and entrance fees.

## Payment

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## Excursions

### Professional all-day excursion 22nd June 2023

As part of the conference, we are planning 4 excursion routes:

1. **South Moravia** – focusing on a complex of anti-erosion and water management measures in the agricultural landscape, linked to the system of ecological stability of the area (approx. 250 km in total)
2. **Beskydy** – farming in the foothills and mountain region, experimental station of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (CzechGlobe) for the study of climate change and its impact (approx. 250 km in total)
3. **Konická and Bouzovská vrchovina** – planning and implementation of measures to protect soil and water in the process of land development, focusing on a complex of protective water management measures and protection of built-up areas (approx. 120 km in total)
4. **The area around Olomouc and Litovel, Litovelské Pomoraví floodplain area** – pedological conditions of the area (Chernozem, Luvisol, Fluvisol) and possibilities for planning measures to protect soil and water in agricultural and forestry landscapes (about 80 km in total)

All excursions will include a final meeting with refreshments.

### Short excursions

- Tour of the historical city of Olomouc (June 19th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or June 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)



**Rector's residence**



**South Moravia**



**Beskydy**



**Konice and Bouzov upland area**



**The area around Litovel**

## Accommodations

Accommodation is to be arranged by each participant individually. The organizers have negotiated with the following accommodation establishments, and are able to offer hotels of various price categories. All of the following hotels provide en-suite facilities. At Hotel Flora and Hotel Clarion, breakfast is also included in the accommodation fee, at the University Hotel and Hotel Best it is possible to order breakfast at an extra charge.

### Prices for participants:

#### Clarion Congress Hotel Olomouc:

	CZK	EUR
Single room:	2000	80
Double room:	2300	92
Accommodation fee (person/night)	21	0.85

Prices are given per room / night including buffet breakfast, Wi-Fi connection and VAT.

Payment: 100% advance payment on the basis of an advance invoice sent by the hotel within 14 days of a reservation – on completion of the advance payment, the reservation becomes fixed. If the payment deadline is not met, the hotel has the right to cancel the reservation and offer the room to another customer.

Cancellation fees: 50% of the accommodation price if the reservation is cancelled between 22.5. – 4. 6. 2023, 100% of the accommodation price, if the reservation is cancelled after 5. 6. 2023 or if a customer fails to arrive. If the stay is shortened, a cancellation fee is charged for any cancelled nights. In the case of force majeure (e.g. government measures due to which the conference is cancelled), no cancellation fee will be charged and the advance payment will be returned, or can be retained as a credit for a future stay.

Guests can reserve accommodation via email: [reservations.cchol@clarion-hotels.cz](mailto:reservations.cchol@clarion-hotels.cz) under the password **WASWAC WORLD CONFERENCE**.

## **Hotel Flora**

Typ COMFORT****	CZK	EUR (*)
Single room:	1521,-	61,75
Double room:	1942,-	78,85
Typ SUPERIOR PLUS****		
Single room:	1921,-	77,99
Double room:	2342,-	95,09

(\*) Payment in EUR will be recalculated according to the current exchange rate on the day of arrival. Therefore, the price in EUR may vary slightly.

When paying in EUR (cash), change given only in CZK.

Reserved services can be cancelled without cancellation fee up to 7 days before the date reserved. Later cancellations will be charged at 100% of the first night's price.

The amount includes an accommodation fee (person/night).

Guests can reserve accommodation via email: [hotelflora@hotelflora.cz](mailto:hotelflora@hotelflora.cz) under the password **WASWAC WORLD CONFERENCE**, or by phone at +420 585 422 200.

## Best Hotel Garni Olomouc

Category:

Economy	CZK	EUR (*)
Single room:	786,-	31,91
Double room:	1392,-	56,52
Economy Lux		
Single room:	876,-	35,57
Double room:	1572,-	63,83
De Luxe		
Single room:	1146,-	46,53
Double room:	1932,-	78,44
Breakfast	180,-	7,31

Payments in EUR will be recalculated according to the current exchange rate on the day of arrival, so the price in EUR may vary slightly. When paying in cash, returns will only be made in CZK. Reserved services can be cancelled without fees up to 7 days before the scheduled arrival. Cancellations made later will be charged at 100% of the cost of the first night's stay. The amount includes the accommodation fee per person per night.

Guests can reserve accommodation via email: [recepce@besthotelgarni.cz](mailto:recepce@besthotelgarni.cz) under the password **WASWAC WORLD CONFERENCE**. Information on available rooms can be obtained by phone at +420 604 123 661.

Accommodation information:

Check in: 14:00 – 21:00

(Reception is open only until 21:00, no check-in is possible after this time)

Check out: by 10:00

## University hotel

	CZK	EUR
Single room:	721	29.27
Double room (price per person at full occupancy)	491	19.94
Breakfast	140	5.68

### **Payment for accommodation is made on arrival in CZK or by payment card.**

In the reservation email, please state whether you require breakfast.

The amount includes accommodation fee (person/night).

Cancellation of the reservation up to 4 days before arrival is free. After that, the hotel charges a fee to the sum of 100% of the reserved accommodation.

Guests can book accommodation by email: [hotel@upol.cz](mailto:hotel@upol.cz) under the password **WASWAC WORLD CONFERENCE**.

In the reservation email, please state whether you require breakfast.

Check in: 14:00

Check out: by 10:00

Reception break: 17:00 – 18:00 and 23:00 -24:00



## Transport

Olomouc is accessible both by car on the highway and by public transport. It takes about 2.5 hours by train from the capital of the Czech Republic, Prague, to Olomouc. It takes about 3 hours from Vienna and Bratislava by public transport, about 4 hours from Krakow.

The train station, conference facilities and accommodation facilities are close to the city centre, where both tram and bus transport is comprehensive.

