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Consolation Messages during COVID-19 outbreak — from WASWAC and ISWCR friends

In 2020, the year of rat comes in a different way. The outbreak of COVID-19 is affecting the hearts of people all over China and even the world. By February 23, 2020, more than 70,000 cases has been confirmed, and the United Nations classified the outbreak as a public health emergency of international concern. Recently, both WASWAC secretariat and ISWCR editorial office have received lots of consolation messages and letters from friends all over the world, including the United States, UK, Canada, Serbia, Italy, Spain, Iran, Argentina, Turkey, Thailand and many other countries. They expressed their sincere blessings and support for the Chinese people. Here we quote some of these messages and deeply appreciate all your consolation.



Thanks Professor Paige for all your hard work of excellence!!.

I pray and hope things will get well for all of you affected by corona virus outbreak.

Respectful regards to all

Roberto Peiretti
Argentina



Dear Paige,
Chinese people always demonstrated to have the ability to overcome problems. I am sure that also in this case China will solve the problem in due time, so that we will restart to fly again not only on the wings of the planes but also on the wings of our culture. However, and following Adriana, first take care of you and stay healthy! ISWCR is important, but health is more important than work.
Kind regards
Carmelo

Prof. Carmelo Dazzi
President of the European Society for Soil Conservation
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Dear Prof. Paige, I wish you and your dear country the speediest recovery from the epidemic and state my admiration to your strong and everlasting will in continuing to progress our journal. This attitude you have attained in your national identity is indeed unique and very appropriate as is mentioned in the saying forwarded by Prof. Kukal 'Love thy work if you want your home, state and country to progress.

With my best regards,

Selim Kapur
Emeritus Prof.
University of Çukurova, Adana, Turkey



Dear Paige, Prof. Rui, respected colleagues in China,

I offer my solidarity to you all during these unexpectedly difficult times that is caused by the corona virus. I hope this outbreak will be short-lived and things go back to normal soon. Mean time your hard work and determination is admired and appreciate sincerely.

Once again my sincere solidarity to you all from Guam

Best wishes,

M. Golabi
UOG, Guam



Dear Dr.LI Rui↵

I am sad to learn about the serious outbreak of the virus in China. Please accept my sympathies. I pray that all our colleagues, friends and their family are safe and healthy.↵

It is important that you take good care of yourself.↵

Best wishes for a rapid recovery and remission of this serious condition.↵

With prayers and sympathies↵

Rattan Lal ↵



Dear Ning, Li, Paige, Du, dear Chinese friends and professional family,↵

We are very much concerned with the situation in China, and watching very carefully Chinese efforts in stopping virus advancement. These efforts are great and strong in organisational set up. ↵

All the best,↵

Miodrag ↵
Prof. Miodrag D. Zlatic, D. Sc.↵

Immediate Past President of World Association of Soil and Water Conservation↵

Belgrade University↵



Dear Prof. Liu, dear Prof. Li Rui,↵

First of all we wish that you are safe and healthy.↵

I will try to find a solution that you can connect via Video-Conference and have a presentation during the workshop but this is not always the case here.↵

In any case, we will continue our collaboration after the workshop as we have a lot of common issues. ↵

Many thanks for your support↵

Panos↵



Dear Li ↵

Hello↵

I am very glad heard from you while you are fully healthy. I should do something for you but I do not know what I have to. I can just request you to come to us and let's receive you in Iran until conditions gets fixed. To me it would not be a natural phenomenon.↵

Regarding our seminar in 2021. I did all formalities and just waiting for the university approval to publicize it. Here, I also would like to know your suggestion if any.↵

Pass my regards to your wife↵

With warm regards↵

Dear Chinese friend ↵

Hello↵

We feel ourselves besides you. Take care of yourself and let's hope this big issue gets controlled very soon.↵

Regards↵

Prof. Dr. S.H.R. Sadeghi ↵



To my dear friend,↵

Thank you for the good news that all is well with you and your family. It must be difficult for you, but remember that you are not alone. Your friends are always with you.↵

Good luck and good health,↵

Julian Dumanski↵



Dear Prof. Ning Duihu, Dear Prof Li Rui,✉

I follow very carefully the news coming from China. I hope you're okay and that the coronavirus problem will be resolved as soon as possible!✉

kind regards✉

Carmelo Dazzi✉

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Dear Rui, dear colleagues,✉

I wish to express my best wishes for the Chinese New Year - 新年快乐.✉

I am glad to hear that you and your family are safety and health conditions. I also wish to express my sympathies to China for those people which are currently experiencing difficult time. I wish to Chinese people and China all the best and wish that this situation will soon come back to normality.✉

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All the best,✉

Pasquale✉



Dear Li and All,✉

I am very sorry for the bad news regarding the new coronavirus and the emergency situation in your country. Here we watch the news on TV with the spectacular measures and the implications on the population with concern for the worrying situation. I hope everything is solved soon and in the best possible way and all of you recover normality.✉

Jose Luis Rubio✉



Now there is a coronavirus outbreak in China. How are you and our colleagues? How about the corona virus condition in Yangling and Xi'an. Thais pray for Shannxi safe from coronavirus. I do hope you and our colleagues safe from coronavirus.✉

With my best wishes✉

Chinapatana Sukvibool✉

Upcoming meeting: 1st International Joint Congress

Santo Stefano di Camastra (Italy) 7-10 October 2020

Sustainable Management of Cultural Landscapes in the context of the European Green Deal

The scientific sessions of the 1st International ESSC-EURECYS joint Congress are organized into the following main topics:

SESSION 1. Linking Europe's Green Deal to Soil care

1. A way forward: changing the soil paradigm to spread the soil awareness
2. Management of soil functions and services
3. Sustainable Land Management in a changing environment
4. Soil care and food security
5. Soil pollution/contamination and remediation practices
6. Soil carbon sequestration to mitigate climate change
7. Policies supporting soil care and soil ecosystem services
8. Actuality of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

SESSION 2. Agriculture and natural resource management

1. Multifunctional Agriculture
2. Sustainable agricultural production
3. Viticulture, sustainable wine production and viticultural landscapes
4. Food Safety: quality, supply, protection of origin
5. Management of Natural Resources
6. Wildlife ecology, forestry and rural planning
7. Persistent Organic Pollutants: prevention, remediation, mitigation
8. Water resources: conservation, use and remediation
9. Effects of climate change on agriculture and cultural landscapes
10. Geoinformatics and nanotechnology in precision agriculture

Upcoming meeting: 1st International Joint Congress

SESSION 3. Principles and issues in sustainable regional management

1. Scenario Analysis: Strategy vs Vision
2. Cultural web, paradigm and changes of paradigm
3. Participatory Approach in Regional Planning
4. Classification of resources and Resource Audit
5. Strategic Planning and Feedback Mechanisms
6. How to handle extreme urbanisation and depopulation of the countryside?
7. Environmental, economic, and social carrying capacity
8. Benefit of Circular Economy in the environmental management
9. Natural and Anthropogenic Ecocycles
10. Waste management: waste to energy systems

SESSION 4. Cultural landscapes and Heritage science

1. Cultural Landscapes: new concepts
2. European Landscape Convention: implementation and barriers to implementation
3. The built heritage
4. Intangible Cultural Heritage in landscape management
5. Sustainable tourism and conservation of cultural heritage
6. Ecomuseums: new concepts in heritage conservation
7. Preservation vs conservation: re-defining concepts from an evolutionary perspective
8. Traditional trades and crafts: active conservation of intangible cultural heritage
9. Landscape Observatories and Decision Support Systems
10. International organizations of landscape management: legal background, agreements

Important Dates

1 March 2020	Start of online registration and abstract submission
31 May 2020	Deadline of abstract submission
20 June 2020	Confirmation of acceptance and inclusion of abstracts
30 June 2020	Deadline for regular registration fee payment

Detailed information: <https://www.ecocycles.net/essc2020>

Upcoming meeting: Eurosoil 2020



As the conference of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS), Eurosoil is the soil voice of Europe. Eurosoil 2020 aims to tackle e.g. the environmental, social, economical, and public policy goals related to / impacting soil use and services.

In line with our theme “Connecting People and Soil”, the Eurosoil 2020 Programme will be structured around, but not limited to, selected Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. Therefore, apart from soil scientists, we welcome contributions from

stakeholders as well as related scientific fields (medicine, economy, social sciences, and others). Sessions and workshops reporting trans-disciplinary research, enhancing scientific relevance by integrating across disciplines or engaging diverse stakeholders in research, education, restoration, policy, management, and protection of soil are encouraged. Special sessions or workshops could address if and how research meets or responds to public interests or needs, actions taken to increase research “impact” or relevance, and how actions affect research.

Important Dates

2 December 2019	Call for Contributions Open
6 January 2020	Early Bird Registrations Open
20 February 2020	Call for Contributions Deadline
Mid-May 2020	Notifications to Accepted Contribution Submitters
28 May 2020	Early Bird Registrations Deadline
29 July 2020	Late Registrations Deadline (On-Site Registration Fees Start)



Conference themes are defined by selected SDGs as follows:



NO POVERTY – End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Soil-related objectives

The overarching goal of the sessions in this theme is to raise the awareness for the importance of the soil resource as a key factor to reduce poverty in every-day life. Scientists, practitioners, and stakeholders will be invited to document this topic and to present solutions for pro-poor and gender sensitive development strategies with the objective to improve human and environmental well-being at the same time.



ZERO HUNGER – End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

The soil science community can contribute significantly to different targets formulated within the SDG 2 which include increasing agricultural production, securing access to production resources, ensuring sustainable food production systems, implementing resilient agricultural practices, strengthening capacity for adaptation to climate change, improving land and soil quality, maintaining the genetic diversity, and supporting agricultural research and technology developments.



GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING – Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Soil is a key factor for human health and well-being, as it is an essential basis for primary production, biodiversity, decomposition of organic matter, recycling of nutrients, regeneration of water resources, and other ecological and biogeochemical functions crucial for sustaining life on our planet. Theme 3 of Eurosoil 2020 is focusing on problems and potential solutions associated with soil pollution. Issues of health and well-being related to other impacts on soils are covered by the other themes of the congress. Soil pollution originates from many kinds of human activities, including mining, industrial production, traffic, product use and consumption, waste disposal, or the application of agro-chemicals.

Conference themes are defined by selected SDGs as follows:



CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION – Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

LIFE ON LAND – Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss

Bring together scientists, stakeholders, and practitioners to present and discuss (i) the latest scientific insights into the biological, chemical, and physical processes and their interactions that are the basis of soil functions, (ii) natural and technical options to sustainably manage and restore soil functions, and (iii) approaches how to deal with related economic, political and social implications. A particular question to answer will be whether the related targets of the Agenda 2030 are realistic.



SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES – Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable

SDG 11 focuses on urban environment. Moreover, as the major part of the population resides in cities and has lost the concrete and emotional link to the “dirt”, there is a vast development potential for awareness raising about the multiple soil functions and the provided services to urban dwellers. Therefore, a healthy and functional soil as basis for sustainable cities and communities is a major challenge for the future.



CLIMATE ACTION – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Planetary warming has continued in recent years, setting a new record of about 1.1 degrees Centigrade above the preindustrial period, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Atmospheric carbon dioxide levels reached a record high of 400 parts per million in 2016. Mitigation and adaptation to climate change and its impacts will require building on the momentum achieved by the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Stronger efforts are needed to build resilience and limit climate-related hazards and natural disasters. What is the role of soils for this goal?

Book Recommendation: Advances in Conservation Agriculture



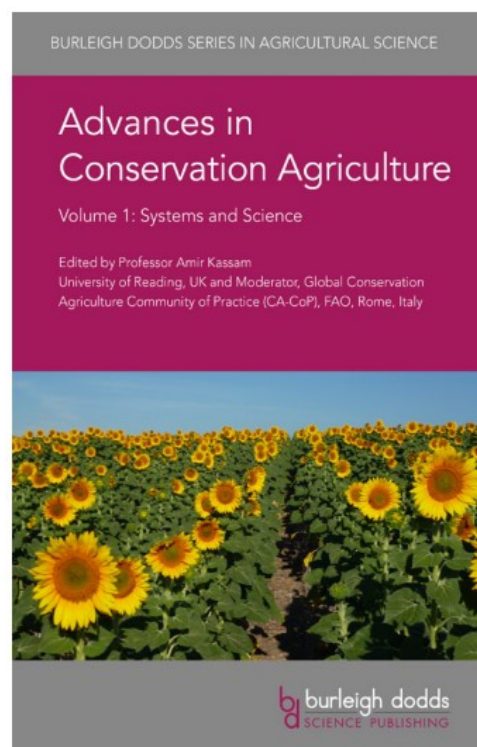
Advances in Conservation Agriculture - Volume 1

Systems and Science

Edited by: Professor Amir Kassam, University of Reading, UK and Moderator, Global Conservation Agriculture Community of Practice (CA-CoP), FAO, Rome, Italy

Key features

- Reviews the development of CA systems globally and elaborates on science underlying the key CA system components.
- Assesses the latest evidence on improving soil and crop health and CA system resilience through the application of the core CA system principles.
- Includes case studies reviewing current science on optimizing CA cropping systems involving cereal, legume, horticultural and tree crops as well as integrating livestock in CA systems.



“This edifying book is a compendium of much of what we have learnt across the world about CA... It will serve as an immensely valuable source of reference – and inspiration - for all those who are committed to putting the world’s food systems on a truly sustainable footing. It is with great pleasure, therefore, that I commend this book to you.”

Qu Dongyu, Director General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Advances in Conservation Agriculture - Volume 2

Practice and Benefits

Edited by: Professor Amir Kassam, University of Reading, UK and Moderator, Global Conservation Agriculture Community of Practice (CA-CoP), FAO, Rome, Italy

Key Features

- Summarizes current research on optimizing CA system practices and their ecological, economic and social benefits.
- Elaborates on how CA systems make efficient use of production inputs such as water, nutrients, energy and addresses challenges in such areas as weed, insect pest and disease management.
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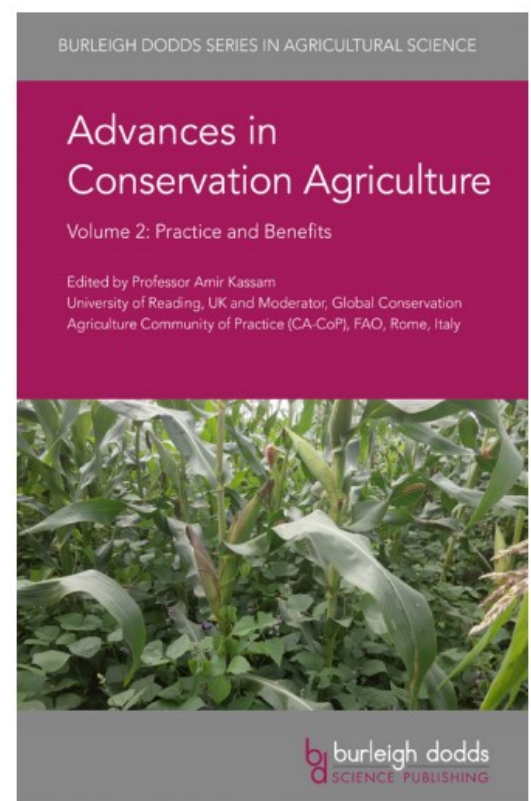
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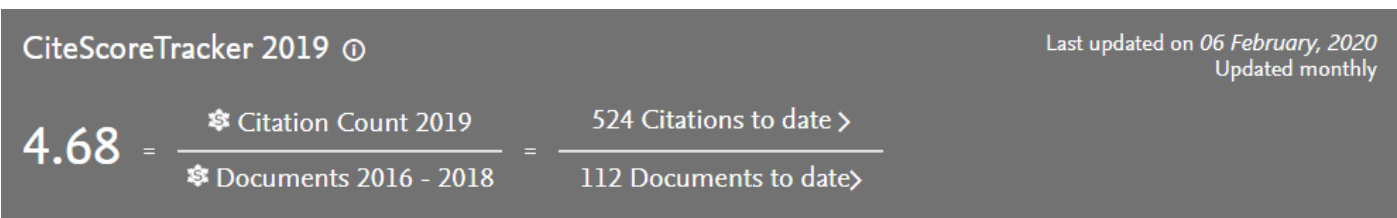
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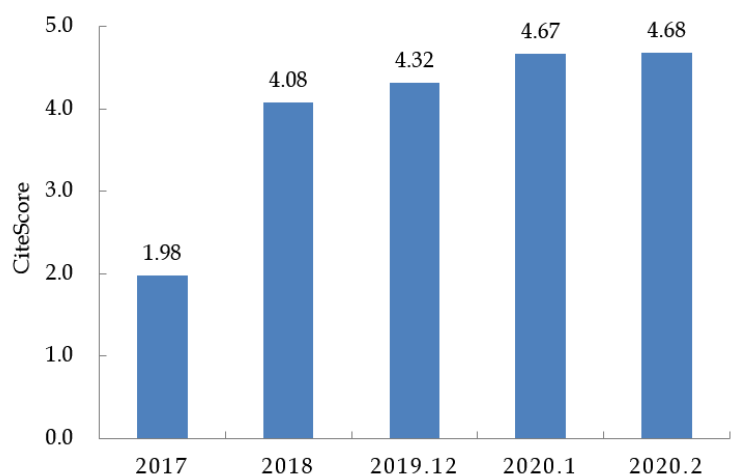
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International Soil and Water Conservation Research (ISWCR), the official journal of WASWAC, is a quarterly academic journal in English and publishes in Science Direct of Elsevier with open access globally. The subscription of ISWCR 2020 begins from this month.

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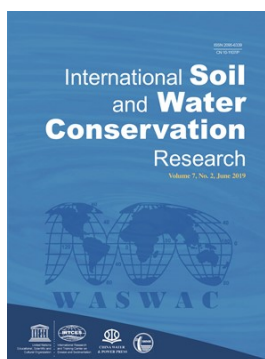
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Since its founding, WASWAC has devoted itself to research and communication to solve scientific and technical problems related to soil and water conservation. Many cooperative research projects have been conducted, a series of international training courses, symposia and workshops have been organized, and several awards in the field of soil and conservation have been set up and sponsored by WASWAC.