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## Soil pores hold the key to stability for desert soils

By Kaine Korzekwa

Soils in deserts are very different from those found anywhere else. Extreme temperatures, little water and limited plant matter make an unusual environment. With little dead plant material to decompose and create a rich layer of organic matter, desert soils are unique.

Judith Turk, an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studies the top layer of desert soils, called the vesicular horizon. This surface layer of the soil is common in deserts and contains pores of different shapes, called vesicles and vughs.



*Researchers measure soil infiltration in desert soils near Alkali Lake, NV. Credit: Judith Turk*

“These horizons are important because of their role in many processes,” Turk says. “Vesicular horizons determine how much water soaks into the soil and how much runs off. Since they occur in deserts, they control the distribu-

tion of the most limiting resource, which is water.”

Vesicular pores are spherical, look a bit like bubbles, and are not connected to each other. Vughs are similar but more irregular in shape, almost like a clump of bubbles that have not fully separated from each other.

Turk wanted to learn how these horizons form across different desert soils. In their most recent experiment, they chose small plots of the soils and took samples. They then crushed the soil so the formation of pores would have to start from scratch. They checked the porosity of the soils over the course of a year to compare.

“First, we found that infiltration rates were lowered as a result of disturbance,” Turk explains. “This would normally not be surprising, since disturbance compacts the soil, reducing porosity, and breaking up the pore networks that water flows through.”

“However, the pores in vesicular horizons are different,” she says. “Most of the pores are not connected with each other and therefore contribute little to permeability of the soil. So, we weren’t sure how disturbance would affect these horizons.”



She adds that what did surprise them was how a soil's texture determined how well its porosity in this soil layer came back. They assumed that a soil with more silt would be better for vesicle formation but found vesicles formed more rapidly in relatively sandy soils.



*This soil profile shows the vesicular horizon in a research plot near Mina, NV. Credit: Judith Turk.*

"The capacity for vesicular pores to reform within a year after the vesicular horizon is disturbed is something that is interesting," Turk says. "The post-disturbance vesicular horizons being thinner with smaller pores tells us that what we observed in the undisturbed soils takes time to form."

It is important to study these soils because semi-arid lands cover about one third of the planet's land area. Soils with vesicular horizons are often disturbed because populations of cities in arid environments are growing. There is construction of solar and wind

farms, and these areas are popular for military exercises.

It's vital to take the researchers' findings into account when planning to disturb the soil. This allows people to understand how the soil might behave after the disturbance.

Turk plans to continue this research in the future. She would like to see an experiment done over a longer time scale to watch the newly formed layers blend into the undisturbed surrounding soil.

"Many people are surprised to learn that there are interesting soils in the desert," she says. "When I moved to California for graduate school, I fell in love with the desert lands of the western US. In the desert you can see the land surface and it's easy to imagine the processes that have built the soil landscapes that we see today."



*This chunk of soil has numerous vesicular pores, which are spherical and look a bit like bubbles. Credit: Judith Turk*

Sources: <https://www.soils.org/news/science-news/soil-pores-hold-key-stability-desert-soils>

## Upcoming meeting: ASA, CSSA & SSSA International Annual Meeting

Phoenix, Arizona (USA) 8-11 November 2020

### Translating Visionary Science to Practice

The Annual Meeting is one of the few gatherings that bring together approximately 4,000 scientific leaders from industry, government agencies, and academic institutions in one unique environment.

It's the premiere opportunity for professionals working in agronomic, crop, soil, and related sciences to hear about the latest research, meet and learn from their peers, expand their knowledge base, and take advantage of an abundance of networking opportunities to enhance their career.

This year's Annual Meeting will feature more than 3,500 technical presentations, along with a host of networking events and award ceremonies. The world-class exhibition displays the latest scientific equipment, supplies, services, and reference materials available.

Science makes new discoveries through systematic study, observation, and experimentation. The central tenet of the science value proposition is that these discoveries should drive innovation, create new opportunities, and improve the human condition.

Unfortunately, current communication systems can fail to deliver new information the "last mile" to the public in a timely, user-friendly fashion. This can limit real-world science application and the adoption of new technology. Non-scientists are often determining the relevancy, meaning, and potential value of new technologies and partnerships based on incomplete data and partial knowledge. It has never been more important, nor more urgent, to develop the skills and tools needed to translate scientific knowledge for the public good and to do so with absolute transparency, clarity and 2020 Vision.

We invite you to join this conversation at the 2020 International Annual Meeting, "Translating Visionary Science to Practice," on November 8-11, 2020, in Phoenix, Arizona.



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## DATES & DEADLINES

December 19, 2019	Special sessions, tour & workshop proposals available online
February 28, 2020	Special sessions, tour & workshop proposals deadline
March 17	Abstract submission opens
March 17	Early registration opens
March 17	Hotel reservations open
May 27	Early abstract submission deadline (price increases \$25)
	Final abstract submission deadline
June 9	(Abstracts must be initiated by this date; they can be edited through August 27)
	Abstract editing deadline for printed program book
August 27	& abstract USB (No editing deadline for the online program & SciSoc Mtg App)
October 1	Final day of Early Bird registration pricing
October 2	Standard registration rates begin
October 14	Online presentation uploading opens
October 16	Discounted hotel rates end (if rooms are still available)
October 16	Final day for the discounted registration rate
October 30	Online presentation uploading ends for oral presentations (Uploading must be done at the meeting after this date.)
<b>November 8-11</b>	<b>ASA, CSSA &amp; SSSA International Annual Meeting</b>

**Register on-line:** <https://www.acsmeetings.org/login/links/318>

**Or submit the Registration Form (PDF):** <https://www.acsmeetings.org/files/am/pdfs/2020-reg-form-5-4.pdf>

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## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Oral presentations are normally 12 minutes with 3 minutes for questions.

Five-Minute Rapid presentations are also available. These can be presented alone or in conjunction with a poster session. There are only three slides allowed per rapid oral presentation.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

All posters will be displayed on a half-size poster board (display space can be no larger than 44.5" x 44.5") for one day. All presenters will present for a two-hour period on one day. A poster board number will be placed in the upper left corner of the board on a 4½" x 3" card. The poster boards are Velcro-friendly. Please bring your own Velcro.





## Suggestions during pandemic from Elsevier editor resilience center

In times of local or global stress, carrying on researching and publishing is difficult. Your main priority is and must remain your own health & safety and that of your families, of course. In order to assist you with continuing your editing activities as far as possible, we offer here a selection of resources that you might find helpful. Some of these are doubtless tools with which you will be already familiar but we trust this center will add some measure of support in difficult times. With very best wishes for your health and personal endeavors.

-The Elsevier Editor Experience Team



### Stay safe

- The most important consideration is your own health and safety, and that of your family.
- Consult your own country's medical advice service and do not neglect your mental health!
- For further information about the Covid-19 pandemic, see [Elsevier's Novel Coronavirus Information Center](#) and [associated resources](#).



### Stay connected

- Depending on your situation, you may not be able to access your library, lab or other physical resources.
- Harness the power of social media to stay in touch with editorial colleagues as well as family and friends.
- Make sure you are familiar with how to access materials remotely. Here is [advice on accessing ScienceDirect](#).
- If you need any assistance in accessing either ScienceDirect or Scopus, please reach out to your Publisher.
- If you are able to, use communications tools such as WhatsApp, Skype, WeChat, Zoom etc.
- We encourage authors of manuscripts covering research related to Covid-19 which have passed desk review and appear to be of sufficient quality to enter external peer review to submit the manuscript to [SSRN](#), our pre-print server. SSRN has opened [a dedicated COVID-19 portal for this purpose](#).

- We'd be grateful if you could alert us to any (near)-accepted manuscript that includes research related to Covid-19 which you deem appropriate and relevant to be added to the Information Center by emailing the manuscript's details to [chennaiimc@elsevier.com](mailto:chennaiimc@elsevier.com).



### Stay organized

- Having to stay away from the office or lab will cause you to rethink your approach to work.
- Consider using tools to help plan and organize your tasks and team such as Trello, Google Tasks, Asana or Slack.
- Where possible, we would ask you to be flexible towards any requests for extending author and reviewer deadlines. Our support staff and Journal Managers have been advised to grant any Covid-19 related requests unless you indicate differently, so please contact your publishing contact if you would like to discuss this.
- In these highly unusual times, most organizations are looking at contingency plans and our journals are no exception. It may be wise to begin considering this for your title in case of any unforeseen scenarios, for example if you become ill or are unable to continue your duties – please reach out to your publishing contact to discuss any ideas.
- Try to maintain in regular contact with your publishing contact and feel free to raise any difficulties you may come across. We're here to support you so don't be shy about coming forward if you need to!



### Stay focused

- Most journals and other publication outlets are still operating semi-normally, but we fully appreciate that the editorial process may take longer than normal.
- As well as the author-facing resources on Author Hub, Researcher Academy and Authors' Update, we have also launched an author resilience center for help and advice during this difficult time.
- We are actively advising authors to be wary of "quick fixes" in the form of predatory journals.

Sources: <https://www.elsevier.com/editors/editor-resilience-center>

## Updated CiteScore of ISWCR in April 2020

CiteScore is a metric for measuring journal impact in Scopus. The calculation of CiteScore for the current year is based on the number of citations received by a journal in that year for the documents published in the journal in the past three years, divided by the documents indexed in Scopus published in those three years. Below is the updated information on Scopus website:

### *International Soil and Water Conservation Research*

Open Access

Scopus coverage years: from 2013 to present

Publisher: International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation & China Water and Power Press

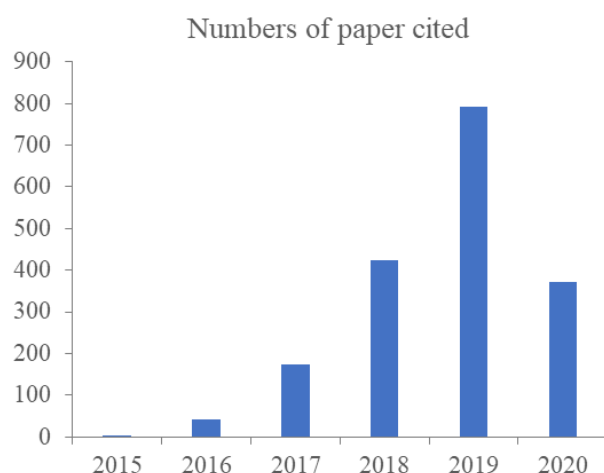
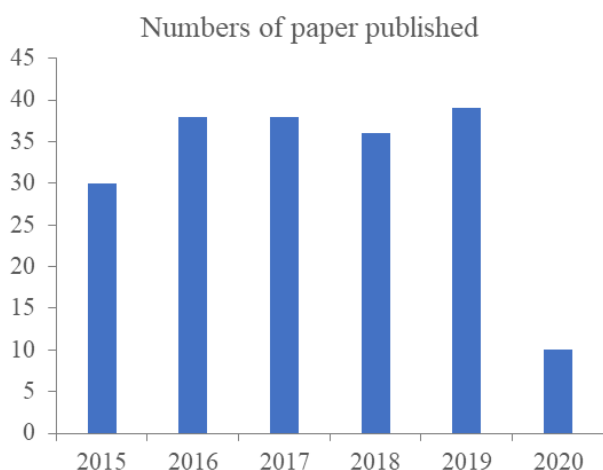
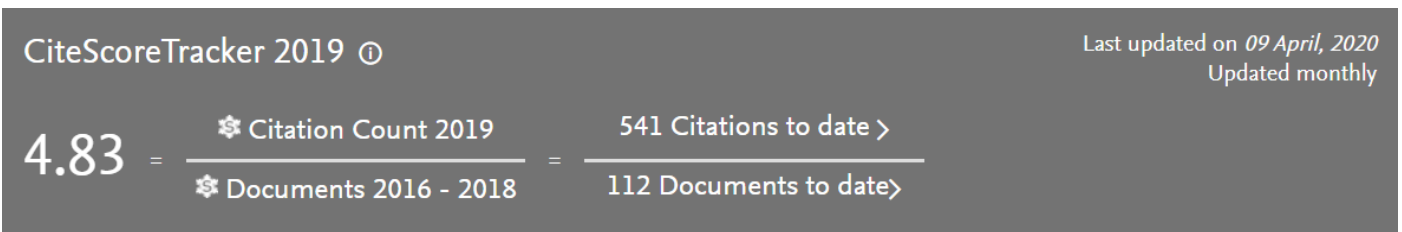
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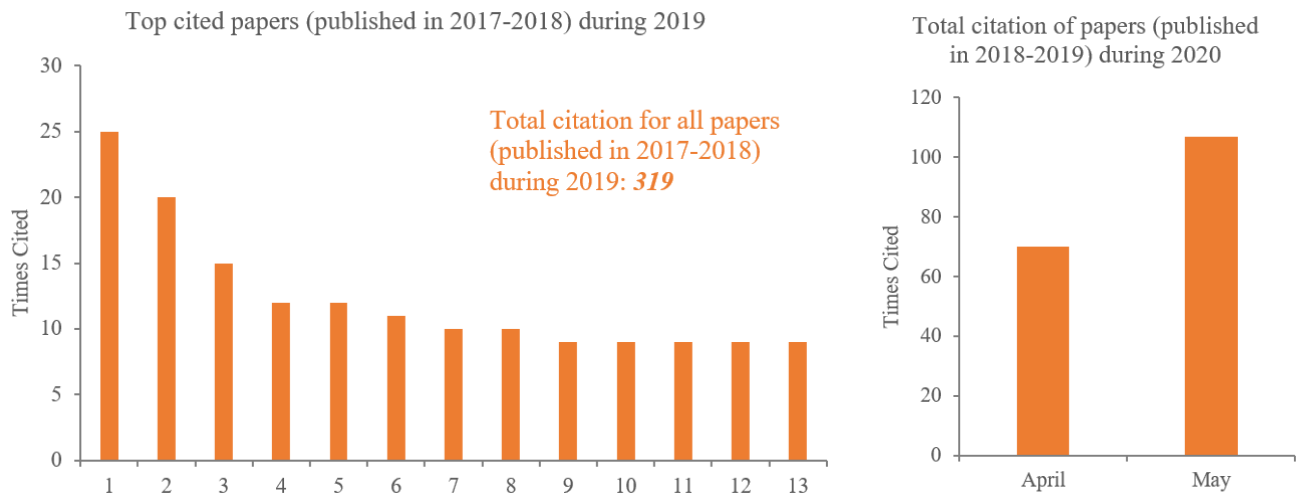
Subject area: Environmental Science: Water Science and Technology

Environmental Science: Nature and Landscape Conservation

Agricultural and Biological Sciences: Agronomy and Crop Science

Agricultural and Biological Sciences: Soil Science





### List of top cited papers (published in 2017-2018) during 2019

1	Natural and anthropogenic rates of soil erosion
2	Effect of land use land cover dynamics on hydrological response of watershed: Case study of Tekeze Dam watershed, northern Ethiopia
3	Integrated universal soil loss equation (USLE) and Geographical Information System (GIS) for soil erosion estimation in A Sap basin: Central Vietnam
4	Land use and land cover changes and Soil erosion in Yezat Watershed, North Western Ethiopia
5	Awareness and adoption of land, soil and water conservation practices in the Chinyanja Triangle, Southern Africa
6	Impact of urbanization on groundwater recharge and urban water balance for the city of Hyderabad, India
7	Grid-cell based assessment of soil erosion potential for identification of critical erosion prone areas using USLE, GIS and remote sensing: A case study in the Kapgari watershed, India
8	Factors affecting adoption of soil and water conservation practices: The case of Wereillu Woreda (District), South Wollo Zone, Amhara Region, Ethiopia
9	Impact of dam on inundation regime of flood plain wetland of punarbhaha river basin of barind tract of Indo-Bangladesh
10	Soil and water conservation effects on soil properties in the Middle Silluh Valley, northern Ethiopia
11	Determinants of farmers' perception to invest in soil and water conservation technologies in the North-Western Highlands of Ethiopia
12	The effect of grid size on the quantification of erosion, deposition, and rill network
13	Factors influencing the adoption of physical soil and water conservation practices in the Ethiopian highlands

## Most recent articles in press for ISWCR

### **Spatial distribution of water and wind erosion and their influence on the soil quality at the agropastoral ecotone of North China**

Yanzai Wang, Yifan Dong, Zhengan Su, Simon Mudd, ... Dong Yan

In Press, Journal Pre-proof, Available online 18 May 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300265>

### **Unsupervised learning approach in defining the similarity of catchments: Hydrological response unit based k-means clustering, a demonstration on Western Black Sea Region of Turkey**

Ersin Aytac

In Press, Journal Pre-proof, Available online 14 May 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300277>

### **The application of proximal visible and near-infrared spectroscopy to estimate soil organic matter on the Triffa Plain of Morocco**

Ayoub Lazaar, Abdul Mounem Mouazen, Kamal EL Hammouti, Michael Fullen, ... Abdelilah Monir

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 21 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300253>

### **Effect of joint structure and slope direction on the development of collapsing gully in tuffaceous sandstone area in South China**

Yusong Deng, Xiaoqian Duan, Shuwen Ding, Chongfa Cai

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 17 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S209563392030023X>

### **Using high-resolution aerial images to study gully development at the regional scale in southern China**

Honghu Liu, Georg Hörmann, Bingyu Qi, Qiuxing Yue

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 16 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300204>

### **Surface runoff and soil erosion in a natural regeneration area of the Brazilian Cerrado**

Karina dos Santos Falcão, Elói Panachuki, Felipe das Neves Monteiro, Roniedison da Silva Menezes, ... Paulo Tarso S. Oliveira

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 13 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300241>

### **Institutional performance and participatory paradigms: Comparing two groups of watersheds in semi-arid region of India**

Biswajit Mondal, N. Loganandhan, S.L. Patil, A. Raizada, ... G.L. Bagdi

In Press, Journal Pre-proof, Available online 8 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300228>



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### **A systematic review of soil erosion control practices on the agricultural land in Asia**

Nur Syabeera Begum Nasir Ahmad, Firuza Begham Mustafa, Safiah @ Yusmah Muhammad Yusoff, Gideon Didams

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 8 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300216>

### **Distinct and combined impacts of climate and land use scenarios on water availability and sediment loads for a water supply reservoir in northern Morocco**

Fatiha Choukri, Damien Raclot, Mustapha Naimi, Mohamed Chikhaoui, ... Yannick Pépin

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 4 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300198>

### **Atrazine removal from water by activated charcoal cloths**

Javier M. Gonzalez, Lynnette R. Murphy, Chad J. Penn, Veera M. Boddu, Laura L. Sanders

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 3 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300186>

### **Combating wind erosion through soil stabilization under simulated wind flow condition – Case of Kuwait**

Hana'a Burezq

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 10 March 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300174>

### **Experimental study on the effects of multiple factors on spring meltwater erosion on an alpine meadow slope**

Xiaonan Shi, Fan Zhang, Li Wang, Muhammad Dodo Jagirani, ... Guanxing Wang

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 22 February 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300150>

### **Tillage and no-tillage effects on physical and chemical properties of an Argiaquoll soil under long-term crop rotation in Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Ana Clara Sokolowski, Barbara Prack McCormick, Javier De Grazia, José E. Wolski, ... Mónica B. Barrios

In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 22 February 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2095633920300162>

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### **Modeling the effect of sediment concentration on the flow-like behavior of natural debris flow**

Leonardo Schippa  
Pages 315-327

### **Stochastic evolution of hydraulic geometry relations in the lower Yellow River of China under environmental uncertainties**

Xiaolong Song; Deyu Zhong; Guangqian Wang; Xiaonan Li  
Pages 328-346

### **Numerical simulation of sediment deposition and trapping efficiency estimation in settling basins, considering secondary flows**

EsmailLakzian, HassanSaghi, OmidKooshki  
Pages 347-354

### **Computational fluid dynamics modeling of abutment scour under steady current using the level set method**

Mohammad Saud Afzal; Han Bihs; Lalit Kumar  
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### **Sediment dynamics and temporal variation of runoff in the Yom River, Thailand**

Matharit Namsai; Butsawan Bidorn; Seree Chanyotha; Ruetaip Mama; Nathamon Phanomphongphaisarn  
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### **Performance of riffle structures on the stabilization of two successive knick points over a sandy bed**

Afshin Fouladi Semnan; Mohammad Reza Jaefarzadeh  
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### **A GPU-based numerical model coupling hydrodynamical and morphological processes**

Jingming Hou; Yongde Kang; Chunhong Hu; Yu Tong; Baozhu Pan; Junqiang Xia  
Pages 386-394

### **A time-splitting pressure-correction projection method for complete two-fluid modeling of a local scour hole**

Kambiz Farahi Moghadam; Mohammad Ali Banihashemi; Peyman Badiei; Ali Shirkavand  
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Leichao Bai; Nan Wang; Juying Jiao; Yixian Chen; Bingzhe Tang; Haolin Wang; Yulan Chen; Xiqin Yan; Zhijie Wang  
Pages 408-416

### Hydrodynamics and suspended particulate matter retention in macrotidal estuaries located in Amazonia-semiarid interface (Northeastern-Brazil)

Vinicius Henrique Maciêdos Santos; Francisco José da Silva Dias; Audálio Rebelo Torres; Rômulo Araújo Soares; Laís Costa Tertoa Antônio Carlos Lealde Castro; Ricardo Luvizotto Santos; Marco Valério Jansen Cutrimd  
Pages 417-429

### Full papers are available at ScienceDirect:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-sediment-research> with free access to the paper abstracts.

*International Journal of Sediment Research (IJSR)*, the Official Journal of The International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation and The World Association for Sedimentation and Erosion Research, publishes scientific and technical papers on all aspects of erosion and sedimentation interpreted in its widest sense.

The subject matter is to include not only the mechanics of sediment transport and fluvial processes, but also what is related to geography, geomorphology, soil erosion, watershed management, sedimentology, environmental and ecological impacts of sedimentation, social and economical effects of sedimentation and its assessment, etc. Special attention is paid to engineering problems related to sedimentation and erosion.





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