



**European Society for Soil Conservation,
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Office for Pedological and Agrochemical Studies Cluj-Napoca
organize**

2016 ESSC International Conference

‘Soils - Our Common Future’

Cluj-Napoca (Romania), 15-18 June 2016

Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues

Babeş Bolyai University (BBU), the University of Agriculture Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASMV) and the Office for Pedological and Agrochemical Studies (OPAS) from Cluj Napoca, are proud to announce that the 2016 ESSC International Conference will be held in Cluj Napoca, Romania, from 15-18 June 2016.

Following the great success of former ESSC International Congresses and Conferences, scientists from all over the world are invited to participate. The main topic of the Conference ‘Soils – Our Common Future’ stresses the vital interconnection between soil and life, as well as its importance for the future of society.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Cluj Napoca and we are sure that this international conference will be a very good opportunity to prove that science and scientists are prepared to face the challenges of our common human future, where soils are a crucial component.

Reader dr. Nicolae HAR
Head of the Department of Geology
Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca.

Greetings from ESSC President Carmelo Dazzi

The 2016 International Conference of the European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC) will be celebrated in Cluj Napoca (Romania) from 15-18 June 2016.

On behalf of the ESSC, I wish to express my deep gratitude to the distinguished colleagues of Babeş Bolyai University (BBU), the University of Agriculture Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (UASMV) and the Office for Pedological and Agrochemical Studies (OPAS) from Cluj Napoca (Romania) who have the responsibility to organize this major event!

The general issue of the Conference '**Soils: our common future**' stresses that more than ever, the future of humankind depends on soil and its conservation! Modern society places demands on the soil science community to develop new ideas, new information systems and new conceptual developments to deal with changing perceptions of the role of the soils in the global and local functioning of terrestrial ecosystems.

The Conference, that will be celebrated to coincide with the 'World Day to Combat Desertification' (17 June), will be a great opportunity for soil scientists to stimulate deep reflections on the importance of the soil resource for mankind, paying special attention to the new challenges and opportunities concerning the Soil issues "*sensu lato*."

Many of us should gather in Cluj Napoca to make our voice heard in the defence of soils and their qualities.

I am confident that the 2016 International Conference of the European Society for Soil Conservation will be a great and memorable event!

I look forward to seeing you in Cluj Napoca!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Dazzi', enclosed within a large, stylized oval flourish.

Carmelo Dazzi
ESSC President.

The 2016 ESSC International Conference is hosted by the:



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Registration and payments

	Early Registration (Before/On 30 April 2016) (€)	Regular Registration (Before/On 1 June 2016) (€)	Late Registration (After 1 June 2016) (€)
Regular participant	250	300	350
ESSC Members	200	250	300
Students/PhD student*	100	125	150
Accompanying Person	100	150	175
Gala Dinner	50	60	70
Publication of additional abstract	25	25	25
Field trip	50	60	70

*Students have to upload their current student certificate to the registration system.

The registration fee includes:

Regular participants, ESSC members, students and PhD students:

- Welcome Cocktail at the venue on Wednesday 15 June 2016.
- Access to the opening and closing ceremony.
- Admission to all scientific sessions.
- Publication of one abstract in the Book of Abstracts.
- Conference materials (Conference bag, Name badge, Printed Programme, Book of Abstracts).
- Coffee breaks at the Conference venue.
- A Certificate of Attendance.

Accompanying persons:

- Welcome Cocktail at the venue on Wednesday 15 June 2016.
- Admission to all scientific sessions.
- Coffee breaks at the Conference venue.

The registration fee does not cover hotel accomodation in Cluj.

Registration fee cancellation policy:

- Cancellation before 30 April 2016: 80% of paid sum will be refunded.
- Cancellation between 30 April to 1 June 2016: 50% of paid sum will be refunded.
- After 1 June 1 2016: cancellation of participation will not be refunded.
- All refunds will be made within two weeks after the completion of the Conference.

Deadlines:

1 November 2015	Registration	Start of online registration
1 November 2015	Abstract submission	Start of abstract submission
31 January 2016	Abstract submission	Deadline of abstract submission
1 March 2016	Abstract submission	Confirmation of acceptance and inclusion of abstracts in the scientific programme of the Conference
30 April 2016	Registration fees	Deadline for early registration fee payment
30 April 2016	Registration fees	Deadline for cancellation of participation with 80% refund of the registration fee pays (except bank charges)
1 June 2016	Registration fees	Deadline for regular registration fee payment
1 June 2016	Registration fees	Deadline for cancellation of participation with 50% refund of the registration fee pays (except bank charges)
1 June 2016	Registration fees	After this date, cancellation of participation will not be refunded
1 June 2016	Field trip	Deadline for booking and payment of excursions

Scientific Sessions

The scientific topics of the 2016 ESSC International Conference is organized into the following main sessions:

1. Desertification and food security.
2. Organic soils: protection and conservation.
3. Management of soil functions: monitoring and remediation.
4. Post-fire soil management resulting from both natural and anthropogenic fires.
5. Urban soils: technical evaluation and engineering.
6. Soil conservation issues in organic farming and conservation agriculture.
7. Forest soils: conservation policies.
8. Land management in a changing environment.
9. Soil quality improvement using natural materials.
10. Climate-smart agriculture: modelling and prediction.
11. Pedotechniques in large-scale farming.
12. Remediation of mine, quarry and oil field soils.

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Cluj Napoca has numerous 3 to 5 stars hotels. A map of the hotels locations and a list with contact details will be available soon on the Congress web site.

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