

ISCO, CHILE 2010, FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very pleased to announce the realization of the **XVI International Congress of ISCO (International Soil Conservation Organization)** to be held from 8 to 12 November 2010, in Santiago of Chile (<http://www.iscochile2010.cl>).

This will be a unique space for the integration of scientists, technicians, students, farmers and entrepreneurs and it will be highlighted with the presence of prominent national and international experts of recognized prestige. On this occasion, it will coincide with the Bicentennial year of countries like Mexico, Argentina or Chile, a special historic date that will award the Congress.

The Chilean Society of Soil Science and the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile, are pleased to invite the national and international scientific community and especially the scholars of the soil, water, agronomy, forestry and environmental sciences sectors to be part of 16 th International Congress of ISCO.

Our motto "**Soil and Water Conservation for Food Security**" is intended to reflect the characteristics of our country, producer of food, raw materials, timber and agro-industrial products. In this regard we intend to shape the various conference presentations both orally and in posters, as well as the technical tour that will include the observation of characteristic soils of our region as well as the implementation of different instruments boosted in the central zone of our country, axis of the production process to foreign and domestic markets.

We want to make you feel part of our national, regional and why not, our global challenges, and also to be protagonists of this event that in our case and in that of other countries of America, coincides with celebrations of the bicentennial celebration.

OBJECTIVES:

- Promote and support the dissemination and exchange of the latest advances in the science of soil, water and forestry.

- Get an updated view on soil, water and forest resources.

- Update the knowledge of ecosystems and their resources to promote their sustainable development.

- Strengthen the bond of cooperation and support among national and international scientists.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE CONFERENCE:

- Evolution of soil conservation systems.
- Processes of soil degradation and restoration.
- Security of land, food security
- Organic, ecological or biological agriculture.
- Hillside land and its sustainable use.
- Desertification, erosion control and soil salinization.
- Soil and climate change: CO₂ cycle, Carbon sequestration.
- Soil and new cultivation techniques.
- The Impact of Climate Change on fragile ecosystems and their socio-economic implications.
- Grassland management and soil quality.
- Application of biotechnology in land use.
- Regulatory aspects and tools for conserving soil and water.
- Contamination of soil and water
- Use of wastewater in agriculture.

B. CONFERENCES

1. Agriculture, climate change and greenhouse gases.
2. Soil quality indicators.
3. Soil organic matter.
4. Food Safety, soil and water
5. Regulatory aspects and tools for the conservation of soil, forests and water.
6. Integrated Management of Water Resources.

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Our **FIRST RECEIPT OF WORKS** deadline will be March 12 this year, and letters of acceptance will be sent promptly on April 15, in order that those who so require can have enough time both for visa procedures before the Chilean Consulates abroad and for obtaining institutional support.

However, the reception of papers will remain open until the final closing that will be next July 31, 2010 Closing Reception of Papers.

STANDARDS AND FORMS OF PAPERS DELIVERY: please confirm in our Website.
<http://www.iscochile2010.cl>

Participants will receive acceptance letter in order of papers receipt until finishing in June 2010

Again I request your full cooperation in spreading the call and overview of the XVI th International Congress of the ISCO in each of our countries in America and around the global community of countries.

Expecting as usual, to count on your collaboration for the benefit of each of the National Societies, the Latin American Society and to the world of Soil Sciences, summon them to make their best effort to ensure that you and your associates can send on due time your contributions, while we invite you to help in organizing this event by actively participating in the submission of abstracts, posters and / or work event rooms.

We are open to any suggestions you may make us to safeguard the objectives of the event.

Eric Zagal
Chairman of Organizer Committee