

DATA BANK ON REOSION PLOT STUDIES

As the ESSC will be co-sponsoring the ISCO '99 conference at West Lafayette, Indiana, USA (23-25 May 1999), a joint ESSC contribution representing different European countries is envisaged in the following way.

The ISCO '99 conference will be organised at Purdue University, National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory, where long-term erosion data have been collected using the so-called 'Wischmeier erosion plots'. This technique of collecting soil loss data, with subsequent development of the Universal Soil Loss Equation, was applied in other parts of the world. The idea has arisen of making an encyclopaedia on erosion plots all over the world. The ESSC could take on the task of collecting the information on erosion plots in Europe. All the information could then be presented in report form, book form or an diskette at the conference.

Scientists, researchers and members of the ESSC from any European country are invited to send the following information to the coordinator (please adhere to the following sequence):

- **Name, institute and address of main researcher(s)**
- **description of erosion plots: place, coordinates**
soil
topography (slope steepness, length, width)
number of plots
mulch
management
other ...
- **period of measurement on the plots**
- **available data: precipitation**
erosivity
erodibility
runoff
soil loss
nutrient erosion
other ...
- **form of data: diskette**
report
book
- **aim of research: assessment of erosion risk**
comparison of erodibility
soil conservation practices
vegetation cover
nutrient balance
mapping
other ...
- **photographs (slides or prints)**
- **literature /references related to the plots**

All information should be forwarded to the coordinator.

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