SSSA Showcased at IUFRO World Congress Conference

SSSA was very well represented at the recent International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) World Congress held in Salt Lake City, UT on 5–11 Oct. 2014. The Society of American Foresters (SAF) National Convention and the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF) Annual General Meeting were held concurrently with the IUFRO World Congress. In total, nearly 4,000 scientists, forestry professionals, and students from more than 105 countries attended the IUFRO–SAF–CIF conference.

Initiated by members of the Forest, Range, and Wildland Soils Division (Mary Beth Adams and Scott Chang) and supported by SSSA (SSSA President Jan Hopmans and SSSA staff), a display booth was set up in the Congress exhibition hall. The booth featured SSSA membership brochures, SSSA Digital Library flyers, SSSA Annual Meeting flyers, International Year of Soils (IYS) flyers, “I Heart Soil” stickers (in English and other languages), a SSSA pull-up banner, an IYS poster board, and a poster prepared by Tom Fox that highlighted the work division members do throughout North America to understand the properties, processes, and sustainable management of forest soils. This endeavor is part of the ongoing efforts of SSSA to expand its outreach to other professional societies within the United States and internationally.

The SSSA booth was a tremendous success. There was a steady flow of traffic and engaging conversations with conference delegates and student attendees. Everyone loved the multi-language “I Heart Soil” stickers. The SSSA booth in the four-day exhibit was staffed by members of the Forest, Range, and Wildland Soils Division attending the Congress. Volunteers Dave Morris, Eric Sucre, Rob Harrison, Travis Idol, Tom Fox, Randy Kolka, Deb Page-Dumroese, Anya Reid, and Mark Coleman highlighted the goals of the Society and its value to its members and conveyed our collective passion for the sustainable management of soils. Soils Sustain Life!

SSSA booth at the recent IUFRO World Congress.

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Calendar

International Annual Meeting

2015 | 2–5 Nov., Minneapolis, MN in conjunction with the Entomological Society of America; www.acsmeetings.org

Society-Sponsored Events

2014

3 Dec., 7 Jan., 4 Feb., and 4 Mar., ASA Webinar: Precision Agriculture Update: Variable Rate Technologies; www.agronomy.org/education/online-courses
9–10 Dec., Congress on Adapting Food Production to a Changing Climate, Washington, DC; www.rrfm.org/2014cong/

2015

26 Jan. and 2, 9, and 16 Feb., ASA Webinar: Irrigation Webinar Series; www.agronomy.org/education/online-courses
10–14 Jan., International Plant and Animal Genome Meeting XXIII, San Diego, CA; www.intlpag.org/
1–3 Feb., 2015 ASA Southern Branch Meeting, with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, Atlanta, GA; www.agronomy.org/membership/branches/southern
19–21 May, Global Soil Security Symposium, College Station, TX; https://globalsoilsecurity.tamu.edu/program.html

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2014

7–9 Dec., National Fusarium Head Blight Forum, St. Louis, MO; http://scabusa.org/forum14
8–9 Dec., The Last Food Mile Conference, Philadelphia, PA; www.vet.upenn.edu/last-food-mile-conference
10 Dec., Ag Chemical Dealer Update, Ames, IA; www.aep.iastate.edu/acu

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