**Award Announcements from the SSSA Soil Physics and Hydrology Division**

**Nima Shokri Receives the 2015 Soil Physics and Hydrology Division Early Career Award**

Nima Shokri, lecturer at The University of Manchester, is the recipient of the 2015 Soil Physics and Hydrology Division Early Career Award. He received his Ph.D. from ETH Zurich. In his short career, Dr. Shokri has already made significant and original contributions to soil physics, hydrology, and environmental sciences. His work has advanced understanding of evaporation from soil and the associated salt dynamics. He already shows significant independent contribution to the field and has continued to excel after leaving ETH Zurich while developing an excellent teaching program and successfully mentoring his graduate students.

**Yan Jin Receives the 2015 Don and Betty Kirkham Soil Physics Award**

Yan Jin, Professor of Environmental Soil Physics at the University of Delaware, is the recipient of the 2015 Don and Betty Kirkham Soil Physics Award. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California in Riverside. Dr. Jin has made significant and original contributions to soil physics, hydrology, and environmental sciences. Her work has advanced understanding of gaseous diffusion in soils and fate and transport of colloids in soils and porous media. Jin uses very innovative experimental and theoretical approaches to study transport phenomena in soils. She is an outstanding mentor for students, postdoctoral researchers, and visiting scientists. She has served the Society and the profession in various capacities as associate editor, committee member, and review panelist.