



**Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition
Faculty of Agriculture
Ege University
&
Soil Science Society of TURKEY**

**Cordially invite you to participate in
The International Congress on "Land Degradation and Challenges in
Sustainable Soil Management" Çeşme - İzmir, TURKEY, 15-17 May 2012**



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



Organizing International Soil Science Congresses is a long established custom of the SSST, the first of which was held in 1998 in İzmir. The 2nd congress was held in Konya in 2000, which dealt with desertification. The 3rd congress was organized by Onsekiz Mart University in Çanakkale, 2002. The 4th congress was held in Erzurum in 2004, organized by the Atatürk University, the 5th congress was held in Şanlıurfa organized by the Harran University and the 6th congress was organized by the Adnan Menderes University in Aydın, 2008. The 7th and the latest International Soil Science Congress was organized by Ondokuz Mayıs University in Samsun in 2010.

The Soil Science Society of Turkey and Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition are glad to invite the former ICLD scientific community to this important international event which will combine the science of land degradation and desertification with traditional soil science research, including various topics of interest such as soil genesis, classification, soil physics, chemistry, biology/microbiology and mineralogy, as well as modern techniques of modeling or digital soil mapping.

This conference follows the good tradition created by the five previous International Conferences on Land Degradation (ICLD) was organized by the Çukurova University, Adana, Turkey in 1996, the next was organized by the Thai Department of Land Development, Khon Kaen, Thailand in 1999, the next was organized by Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (Embrapa) in cooperation with the Secretariat for Sustainable Development of the Ministry of Environment and the Institute of Agronomy in Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2001, the next was held in Cartagena, Spain 2004, organized by the Technical University of Cartagena-Murcia and the latest was organized by the CIHEAM Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, Bari, Italy 2008. On average, each of the previous conferences was attended by more than 200 people from various countries around the world.



Main topics of the congress

- ❖ Land degradation, remediation and reclamation
- ❖ Policies for soil health management in agriculture
- ❖ Soil genesis and classification
- ❖ Geo-spatial/Remote Sensing technologies for soil management
- ❖ Soil and water conservation
- ❖ Carbon sequestration and management
- ❖ Soil and water pollution
- ❖ Wetland soils and climate change
- ❖ Nutrient management for soil sustainability, food security and human health
- ❖ Soil properties and modeling
- ❖ Deforestation, overgrazing and desertification
- ❖ Socio-economic aspects of sustainable land/soil management
- ❖ Impact of climate change on soils



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Registration

For registration please visit www.soilcongress.ege.edu.tr

Until January 15th, 2012

Turkish Soil Science Society Non Members	Turkish Soil Science Society Members
75 €	50 €
25 € (student)	25 € (student)

After January 15th, 2012

Turkish Soil Science Society Non Members	Turkish Soil Science Society Members
85 €	60 €
30 € (student)	30 € (student)

Registration fees are paid by all Congress participants entitling:

- Participation at the Congress
- Proceedings and information material
- Coffee and tea
- Gala dinner
- Technical excursion

If the number of registered oral presentations is high, organizers reserve the right of selection.

Official Languages

The official language of the conference is English.

Important Dates

Title registration until September 15, 2011

Abstract submission until November 01, 2011

Notification of acceptance January 15, 2012

Deadline for submission of full paper and registration fee February 15, 2012



Accommodation

Accommodation will be available in AltınYunus Resort & Thermal Hotel (<http://www.altinyunus.com.tr>)

The participants are requested to register at the hotel individually until **15 January 2012**

For hotel reservation please visit www.soilcongress.ege.edu.tr

Organizing Committee arranged that special accommodation rate for the congress attendees.

ALTINYUNUS 2012 PRICES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SOIL CONGRESS

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Price</u>
Single room (All Inclusive)	at least 3 days	95 Euro/per night
Double room (All Inclusive, per person)	at least 3 days	65 Euro/per night
+ Third person (All Inclusive)	at least 3 days	50 Euro/per night

Daily Attendance (Excluding lodging)

2 Coffee Break + Lunch	30 Euro/per day
Lunch + Dinner	60 Euro/ per day

