



9th International Congress

Tirana (Albania) 26-28 September 2019

Soil's Contribution to People: from Food to Life Supporting Services

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Distinguished Colleagues,

On behalf of the ESSC (European Society for Soil Conservation) and the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the 9th ESSC International Congress on 'Soil's Contribution to People: from Food to Life Supporting Services'

The Congress will be held at the Agricultural University of Tirana (Albania) from 26 to 28 September 2019. The objective is to present up to date research results, practical examples, and policies, to support the role played by soil resources on human existence and as a source of food and life supporting services.

The Congress is open to soil scientists, students, educators, advisers, professionals, policy and decision-makers. It will consist of invited lectures, scientific sessions with oral and poster presentations, and a scientific and cultural excursion.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Tirana and we are sure that this international congress will be a very good opportunity to prove that science and scientists are prepared to face the challenges of our common human future, where soils are a crucial component.

Carmelo Dazzi
President of ESSC

Pandi Zdruli
*Honorary Chairman of the
Organizing Committee*

Fatbardh Sallaku
*Chairman of the Organizing
Committee*

The 2019 ESSC International Congress is hosted by the:



*Agricultural University of Tirana
Albania*

<http://ubt.edu.al/sq/>

Program at a glance

Day		
25 September 2019 Wednesday	afternoon	ESSC Executive and Council meeting Registration Welcome Cocktail at the venue of the Congress
26 September 2019 Thursday	morning	Registration Opening ceremony Invited Lecture Oral and poster session Light lunch
	afternoon	Oral and poster session Social dinner
27 September 2019 Friday	morning	Invited Lecture Oral and poster session Light lunch
	afternoon	Oral and poster session Closing ceremony Election of the new ESSC Council
28 September 2019 Saturday	Full day	Scientific and cultural excursion
29 September 2019 Sunday		Departure

Scientific Sessions

The scientific sessions of the 2019 ESSC International Congress are organized into the following main topics:

1. Management of soil functions and services: monitoring and remediation.
2. Soil conservation issues in organic farming, agro-ecology and conservation agriculture.
3. Sustainable Land Management in a changing environment: examples from best practices.
4. Pedotechniques in large-scale farming and advances in soil survey and soil classification
5. Land Degradation Neutrality and food security.
6. Soil contamination across various scales and remediation practices
7. Soil fertility and plant nutrition
8. Soil carbon sequestration to combat and mitigate climate change
9. From research to policies supporting soil ecosystem services
10. National and international efforts to promote data collection and sharing on soil services

Registration and payments

	Early Registration (Before/On 31st May 2019)	Regular Registration (Before/On 30th June 2019)	Late Registration (After 1st July 2019)	Scientific and cultural excursion
Regular participant	150€	200€	250€	50€
ESSC and Albanian SSS Members*	100€	150€	200€	50€
Students/PhD student**	50€	75€	100€	50€
Accompanying person	25€	25€	25€	50€
Gala Dinner	30€	30€	30€	

* Only for those members up-to-date with the 2019 fee.

** Proof of the student status must be provided by a relevant certificate signed by the tutor and must be sent by email to Prof. Fatbardh Sallaku (sallaku@albmail.com) and in cc to Prof. Pandi Zdruli (pandi@iamb.it) and Prof. Ferdi Brahushi (brahushi@hotmail.com) soon after the registration.

Payment of registration fees:

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SWIFT CODE (International)	SGSBALTX
Description:	Please describe the Fee is paid for the 9 th Congress ESSC International Congress and write your name and surname

The registration fee includes:

- Welcome Cocktail at the venue on Wednesday 25 September 2019.
- Access to the opening and closing ceremony.
- Admission to all scientific sessions.
- Congress materials (Congress bag, Name badge, Printed Programme)
- USB flash drive of Abstracts
- Coffee breaks and self-service lunches at the Congress venue.
- A Certificate of Attendance.

Accompanying persons:

- Welcome Cocktail at the venue on Wednesday 25 September 2019.

The registration fee does not cover hotel accommodation in Tirana.**Registration fee cancellation policy:**

- Cancellation before 30 June 2019: 80% of paid sum will be refunded.
- Cancellation between 30 June to 31 July 2019: 50% of paid sum will be refunded.
- After 31 July 2019: cancellation of participation will not be refunded.
- All refunds will be made within two weeks after the completion of the Congress.

Deadlines:

14 January 2019	Registration	Start of online registration
1 February 2019	Abstract submission	Start of abstract submission
31 May 2019	Abstract submission	Deadline of abstract submission
20 June 2019	Abstract submission	Confirmation of acceptance and inclusion of abstracts in the scientific programme of the Congress
30 June 2019	Registration fees	Deadline for regular registration fee payment
30 June 2019	Registration fees	Deadline for cancellation of participation with 80% refund of the registration fee pays (except bank charges)
31 July 2019	Registration fees	Deadline for cancellation of participation with 50% refund of the registration fee pays (except bank charges)
31 July 2019	Registration fees	After this date, cancellation of participation will not be refunded

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Accommodation

Tirana has numerous 3 to 5 stars hotels. A map of the hotel locations and a list with contact details will be available soon on the Congress web site. Booking.com and many other web sites offer detailed information on hotels and rates. Please visit also: <http://www.visit-tirana.com/>

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How to Submit an Abstract

Abstracts must be submitted by email to:

carmelo.dazzi@unipa.it; and pandi@iamb.it; and edoardo.costantini@crea.gov.it;

Please, indicate in the email subject: ESSC congress

Each submission will be peer-reviewed by the Scientific Committee.

Important Elements

1. Title (Calibri 14, bold):

Abstract title should be concise and should be entered in title case format. In general, you should capitalize the first letter of each word unless it is a preposition or article. Titles should be bold.

2. Authors (Calibri 12):

Enter first (given) name, and last (family/surname) name for each author plus institution/affiliation. Please do not list the department/branch in the institution/affiliation field. One person must be identified as the presenting author.

3. Abstract Text (Calibri 12):

All abstracts should be 350 words or less. Tables are permitted but should be simple and concise. Graphics/images are not recommended unless they are integral to the abstract and should be limited to no more than one or two.

4. Content of the Abstract:

Title, authors and authors' affiliations are not included in the 350 word limit. The abstract must contain a brief statement of:

- a. The objectives of the investigation;
- b. Experimental methods used;
- c. Essential results;
- d. Conclusions.

5. Keywords:

All abstract submissions may present up to five keywords. Two keywords are required.

6. Scientific session & presentation:

Indicate the number of the scientific session & if oral/poster presentation.