ISTRO Branch - Czech Republic
by Research Institute for Fodder Plants, Ltd. Troubsko

invite you to participate
in the 5th International Soil Conference

Soil Tillage – New Perspectives
Brno
(Czech Republic)

June 30 - July 2, 2008

First Announcement
and
call for papers
On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the Department of Soil Management of the Research Institute for Fodder Plants Ltd., Troubsko with the Research Institute for Crop Production, Praha and Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry, Brno, we are pleased to invite you to the International Soil Conference that will take place in Brno, Czech Republic, 2008.

The conference should provide opportunities for exchange of the latest results on soil management in natural and agricultural systems. The scientific programme will include two-days paper presentation in four topics and one-day professional field trip.

Topics
Papers or posters dealing with the general topic of the conference are invited and will be discussed in the following four sections:

1. Perspective methods of soil tillage systems (mechanization of agriculture, energy inputs, economy)
2. Changes of soil fertility (soil quality, physical, chemical and biological aspects)
3. Risk elimination of deleterious factors and plant protection (soil erosion, soil compaction, plant conditions, pests, weeds)
4. Systems of farming (ecological aspects, risk elements in soils, remediation and revitalization of soils, information systems)

The preliminary program

Sunday June 29
Arrival, accommodation, registration

Monday June 30
8.00 registration
9.30 opening ceremony
10.00 – 18.00 workshop session
Introductory lectures:
Prof. Dr. Engin Cakir:
Doc. Dr. Josef Hula: Role of Agricultural Mechanization in Perspective Soil Tillage Systems
Prof. Olaf Christen: Use of the information system REPRO to assess physical and chemical aspects of soil fertility
Prof. Dr. Karol Kovac: Perspective Methods of Soil Tillage Systems – Impact on Crop Productivity and Soil Environmental Quality
Prof. DrSc. Miroslav Kutilek: The Change of Soil Physical Properties due to Mechanical, Biological and Biochemical Factors
19.00 welcome reception

Tuesday July 1
9.00 – 16.00 workshop session
Introductory lectures:
Dr. Josef Rosner: Influence of different tillage systems at yield, quality and water erosion – results of field trials in Lower Austria
Dr. Vladimir Smutny: The Effect of Soil Tillage on Development of Deleterious Biotic Factors
Prof. DrSc. Márta Birkás: Climate Change – a Subsequent Challenge to Abandon the Conventional Tillage Ideas in Central Europe

Prof. Dr. Jan Kren: Current problems of arable farming practices in the Czech Republic

16.00 poster presentation

Wednesday July 2
8.30 – 20.00 professional field trip

The conference language
The language of conference will be English.

The scientific and organizing committee

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Call for papers

Call for papers should be returned **before August 30, 2007**. Papers should be written in English and will be presented as oral or poster.

**Chosen papers will be published in the Proceeding of International Conference and will be reviewed.**

Details will be mentioned in the second circular.

Registration fee

Registration fees will be 300 € for ISTRO members and 330 € for non-members. Fees for participants include: participation in the scientific programme, conference proceedings, CD, welcome reception, lunches, coffee break, professional field trip.
Accommodation

The accommodation will be available in ***+ Hotel Myslivna or Student hostels Garni. Hotel rate is cca from 46 € per night (economy class - single) to 72 € (superior class – double). Student hostels rate is cca 21 - 32 € per night for single or double occupancy in double bedroom.

Every participant will book and pay for its accommodation himself!

Please send us the following Registration form by mail, fax or e-mail to there under contact address before August 30, 2007 if you wish to obtain the Second circular.

This first circular is also available on the website: www.vupt.cz/

Important deadlines:

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