



International Conference

Soil organic matter – the old truth and new challenges

When: 21 September 2011

Where: Albert Borschette Conference Centre (CCAB)
Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

The Conference Program

8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Registration of participants

8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Welcome and conference overview

Dr Marek Sawicki – Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Poland

Ms Maive Rute – Director, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation

Prof. Wieslaw Oleszek – Moderator (Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG), State Research Institute, Pulawy, Poland)

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Prof. Tomasz Stuczynski (Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG), State Research Institute, Pulawy, Poland)

“Current status and perspectives of organic matter management in European Soils”

9.35 a.m. to 10.05 a.m.

Prof. Jan Kus (Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation (IUNG), State Research Institute, Pulawy, Poland)

“Trends in the content of soil organic matter over last 50 years – the Polish case”

10.35 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Prof. Oene Oenema (Wageningen University and Research Centre, the Netherlands)

“Agriculture as a carbon sink and source – what is the truth balance”

11.35 a.m. to 12.05 p.m.

Mr Slawomir Gacka (EcosystEM - Nature Heritage Association, Poland)

“Innovative methods for the reduction of greenhouse gas emission in sustainable agriculture. Soil as natural reservoir of carbon and water reducing effects of drought and flood”

12.05 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Lunch break

2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Prof. dr. Franz Makeschin (Chair of Soil Science and Soil Protection, Institute for Soil Science and Site Ecology, Dresden University of Technology)

“Organic Matter - important task for Europe: Necessity of new research structures - The European Research and Technology Network for Soil and Land Use”

2.35 p.m. to 3.05 p.m.

Mr Luca Marmo (European Commission, DG Environment)

“The latest developments about the Soil Thematic Strategy”

3.10 p.m. to 3.40 p.m. Coffee break

3.40 p.m. to 4.10 p.m.

Mr Massimo Burioni (European Commission, DG Research& Innovation)

“Agricultural soil research within the EU 7th Framework Programme of RTD”

4.15 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

Final discussion and the end of conference

Important information:

Participation in the conference is free but the number of places is limited.

Registration, please see: www.soilconference.eu

Organizer doesn't guarantee any places for the overnight.

The conference will be translated simultaneously into Polish, English, German, French.