



**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**



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> congress was held in Konya in 2000, which dealt with desertification. The 3<sup>rd</sup> congress was organized by Onsekiz Mart University in Çanakkale, 2002. The 4<sup>th</sup> congress was held in Erzurum in 2004, organized by the Atatürk University, the 5<sup>th</sup> congress was held in 2006 in Şanlıurfa organized by the Harran University and the 6<sup>th</sup> congress was organized by the Adnan Menderes University in Aydın, 2008. The 7<sup>th</sup> 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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