



## **SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Dear colleagues of the national and international scientific societies.

We are very pleased to confirm, that despite the terrible earthquake that affected our country on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2010, the **XVI International Congress of Soil and Water Conservation** will be held from 8 to 12 November 2010, in Santiago of Chile. For your safety and comfort, the country is functioning normally regarding services and connections

This will be a unique opportunity for the integration of scientists, technicians, students, farmers and entrepreneurs and will be highlighted with the presence of prominent national and international experts of recognized prestige.

The Chilean Society of Soil Science, the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile, the Universidad Mayor and Universidad de Concepción, are pleased to invite the national and international scientific community and especially the scholars of the soil, water, forestry and environmental sciences sectors to be part of 16 th International Congress of Soil and Water Conservation.

Our motto "**Soil and Water Conservation for Food Security**" is intended to reflect the characteristics of our country, as a producer of food, raw materials, timber and agro-industrial products. In this regard we intend to orient the various conference presentations both orally and in posters, as well as the technical tour that will include the observation of characteristic soils of our region as well as the implementation of different management strategies in the central zone of our country, which is an axis of the production process for foreign and domestic markets.

We want to make you feel part of our national, regional and, why not, our global challenges, and also to be protagonists of this event.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- Promote and support the dissemination and exchange of the latest advances in the science of soil, water and forestry.
  
- Get an updated view on soil, water and forest resources.
- Update the knowledge of ecosystems and their resources to promote their sustainable development.
  
- Strengthen the bond of cooperation and support among national and international scientists.

## **SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE CONFERENCE:**

- Evolution of soil conservation systems.
- Processes of soil degradation and restoration.
- Security of land, food security: organic, ecological or biological agriculture.
- Hillside land and its sustainable use.
- Desertification, erosion control and soil salinization.
- Soil and climate change: CO<sub>2</sub> cycle, Carbon sequestration.
- Soil and new cultivation techniques.
- The impact of climate change on fragile ecosystems and their socio-economic implications.
- Grassland management and soil quality.
- Application of biotechnology in land use.
- Regulatory aspects and tools for conserving soil and water.
- Contamination of soil and water
- Use of wastewater in agriculture.

## **B. CONFERENCES**

1. Agriculture, climate change and greenhouse gases.
2. Soil quality indicators.
3. Soil organic matter.

4. Food safety, soil and water
5. Regulatory aspects and tools for the conservation of soil, forests and water.
6. Integrated management of water resources.

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Our **FIRST RECEPTION OF WORKS** deadline was May 30 this year, and letters of acceptance have been sent during the month of June, in order that those who so require can have enough time for both the visa procedures in the Chilean Consulates abroad and for obtaining institutional support. Invitation letters will be sent only in special cases and after request.

However, the reception of papers **will remain open** until the final closing that will be next August 15, 2010 (Closing Reception of Papers, Extended versions).

**STANDARDS AND FORMS OF PAPERS DELIVERY:** please confirm in our Website.  
<http://www.iscochile2010.cl>

Participants will receive an acceptance letter in order of reception of the papers until the end of June 2010

Again I request your full cooperation in spreading the word of the XVI International Congress of Soil and Water Conservation, in each of our countries in North and South America and around the global community. At the same time, I hope you understand that there may be some difficulties produced in the normal organization of the Congress considering the event of the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 2010.

Expecting as usual, to count on your collaboration to the benefit of each of the National Societies, the Latin American Society and to the global community of Soil Sciences, I encourage you to make the best effort to send on due time your registration, while we invite you to help in organizing this event by actively participating in the submission of abstracts, posters and / or work event rooms.

We are open to any suggestions you may make us to safeguard the objectives of the event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Erick Zagal V." in a cursive style.

**Erick Zagal V.**

Chairman of Organizer Committee