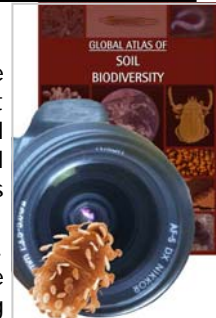


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Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas. How to contribute?

The Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative is excited to announce that it will be coordinating a science-based Global Soil Biodiversity Assessment (GSBA). The GSBA coordinates an international network of scientists and policy makers in an effort to synthesize present knowledge of crucial taxonomic groups in soil, identify how soil biodiversity and its services can be measured across the wide range of ecosystems in the world.

Pick one of your pictures on soil and its biodiversity and send it to us. Get more information about this Photo Contest (EN, FR, DE, IT) . The best selected pictures will be published in the forthcoming atlas. Taking pictures of soil biodiversity is not limited to soil-dwelling organisms. The proposed list of the four topics for the photos that you could send us: Soil organisms, Soil ecosystems, Threats to soil biodiversity, Awareness of soil biodiversity. The development of the GSBA is coordinated by **Alberto Orgiazzi** (Alberto.Orgiazzi@jrc.ec.europa.eu)



<http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/InternationalCooperation/GSBI/index.html#GSBA>

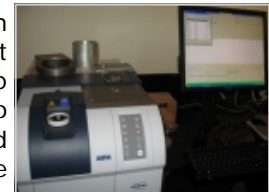
2nd Global Soil Week 2013 "Losing Ground?"

You are striving towards achieving a more sustainable use of soils? You are working on responsible land governance, sustainable soil and land management or international soil policy? We invite you to contribute to the 2nd Global Soil Week 2013 "Losing Ground?"
Venue: Berlin, Germany - 27-31 October 2013.

<http://globalsoilweek.org/gsw-2013/>

Soil Spectroscopy: the present and the future of soil monitoring

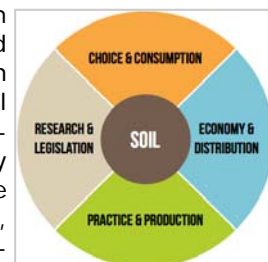
The Global Soil Partnership of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) have the pleasure of organising this workshop in order to contribute to soil monitoring activities as a response to environmental challenges. The 5th of December has been established by United Nations as the World Soil Day. The choice to have the workshop on this date will be a unique opportunity to increase the visibility of soil spectroscopy, which will be a pillar for the establishment of a sustainable global soil monitoring system. You are invited to submit the abstracts till 15 September 2013. The Workshop is open to anyone and no registration fee is required. The number of participants will be limited to 80. **Venue:** 4 - 6 December 2013, FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy. <http://www.fao.org/globalsoilpartnership/events/detail/en/c/174779/>



http://eusoils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/Future_events/Spectroscopy_FAO.pdf

Summer of Soil

Summer of Soil has three parts: a Living Soil Exhibition (15 June - 15 August), Soil-regeneration Courses (7 July - 9 August) and the Living Soil Forum (22 - 26 July). All is taking place in **Järna, Sweden**. It is organised by 13 young international volunteers out of inspiration for action after they discovered how urgent saving soils is. The Summer of Soil presents the 5-day Living Soil Forum to activate and empower people to secure a better future for our soils. Through engaging key players in the agricultural system, from producers to consumers, we seek to connect people and ideas, to create common understanding, to integrate existing initiatives, and to promote genuine, cross-sector collaboration around solutions that work to secure and restore healthy, living soils for the sake of our health, food-security and climate.



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