

Soil's Role in Restoring Ecosystem Services

March 6-9, 2014
Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel
Sacramento, California

Soil sustains life and is one of our most important natural resources. This conference will address soil and its biodiversity as providers of ecosystem services that benefit humankind. Strengths and weaknesses in the state of our knowledge will be evaluated, cross-disciplinary synergies will be encouraged, and research needs will be prioritized to gain understanding of soils' roles in:

- climate change adaptation and mitigation
- food and energy security
- water protection
- biotechnology for human health
- ecological sustainability, and
- slowing of desertification

Invited keynote speakers include Drs. Diana Wall, Colorado State University; Kenneth Cassman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Richard Pouyat, USFS; Stephen Polasky, University of Minnesota, and Rattan Lal, Ohio State University.

The Soil Science Society of America and its co-sponsors invite you to join us at this unique interdisciplinary conference.

For the preliminary program and conference details, please check the following link:

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"Nature has endowed the earth with glorious wonders and vast resources that man may use for his own ends. Regardless of our tastes or our way of living, there are none that present more variations to tax our imagination than the soil, and certainly none so important to our ancestors, to ourselves, and to our children."

— Charles Kellogg 1941

