



Dear INSOP members,

We at the FAO once again would like to welcome and thank you for your participation and joining the International Network on Soil Pollution which was launched on April 22nd, 2022. We would like to remind you that the webinar presentations from the launch event can be found on our website [here](#).

This email is the first of our INSOP quarterly updates. As an INSOP member, you will receive an update email on all activities and events happening within INSOP and beyond once every three months.

We are therefore encouraging all our members to share **ANY** upcoming events related to soil pollution for which you think all of us would benefit! Please send it first to the INSOP coordinators for review. Once approved, it will be shared in our INSOP updates.

Relevant publications, news calls and collaborations on soil pollution are welcomed!

UPDATES

This month, we launched the first contact with the [GLOSOLAN](#) (Global Soil Laboratory Network) and [INSII](#) (International Network of Soil Information Institutions) with whom we will work closely in the assessment and mapping working areas, respectively. These are two of the sixth INSOP working areas described in the [Concept Note](#).

Together, INSOP and GLOSOLAN will work in the following tasks:

- Harmonisation and review of standard operating procedures (SOPs) for soil pollutants
- Capacity building for soil laboratory on the determination of soil pollutants
- Guidelines development on laboratory soil samples/reagents waste disposal
- Identification and prioritisation of soil pollutants for which SOP to be developed

To find more information on how SOPs are harmonized, please have a look at the following [webpage](#) on GLOSOLAN SOPs.

To initiate the above-mentioned tasks, we are now launching a survey in which we want to identify potential members who would like to contribute and be part of the team in soil pollution assessment. The survey will help us to understand which **contaminants of concern** you prioritize the most and identify **analytical capabilities** within your region for pollution measurements.

The survey can be accessed using the following link [here](#).

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

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EVENTS

Smart and Circular Agriculture towards Sustainability 2022

(<https://scas2022.com>)

The concept of the conference is based on 3 main principles of:

- 1) Feeding a growing population
- 2) Providing livelihood for farmers
- 3) Protecting the environment

This conference aims to address topics related with the three main principles above, by inviting all actors from the academy, industry and agriculture sector, to present their main achievements and points of view, contributing for fruitful discussions. To find more about the event please click [here](#)

Date	Venue
21 July- 22 July	Porto

The World Congress of Soil Science 2022

(<https://22wcss.org>)

The concept of this conference is “Soil Science – Crossing boundaries, changing society”, which aims to address these key issues affecting the soil environment:

- Erosion
- Loss of soil carbon and biodiversity
- Soil compaction and sealing and impacts on food security

A wide range of Plenary, Divisional and Interdivisional sessions are planned to address these issues. These will focus on soils and security, the north/south divide, soils and land use in the 22nd Century

and data and information and will encourage academics and practitioners from varying disciplines to work together and achieve greater success and understanding. The programme will feature renowned experts from diverse backgrounds and regions, representing the whole spectrum of those who work with, or rely on soils. To find more about the event please click [here](#)

Date	Venue
31 July- 5 August	Glasgow

CleanUp 2022

(<http://adelaide2022.cleanupconference.com>)

The 9th International Contaminated Site Remediation Conference incorporating the 3rd International PFAS Conference. Addressing the biggest issues facing the remediation community, the conference brings together research and industry best practice, drawing on experience from Australian and international markets. CleanUp conference would normally attract over 750 delegates from 35 to 40 different countries. To find more about the event please click [here](#)

Date	Venue
11 September- 15 September	Adelaide

The 49th International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) Congress

(<https://iah2022.com>)

The theme of the conference is “Groundwater Sustainability and Poverty Reduction”. Poverty reduction is a top priority for most countries in the world. Unfortunately, most of the poor countries and regions have been faced with serious problems of water scarcity and contamination. Hence this event is held because it is the mission and ultimate responsibility of the international community of hydrogeologists to help the people get access to sustainable safe supply of fresh groundwater. This conference aims to address 16 topics associated with the theme above, providing a hydrogeologist’s view on how sustainable groundwater management reduces poverty and promotes human well-being. To find more about the event please click [here](#)

Date	Venue
18 September- 23 September	Wuhan

Remtech Europe

(<http://www.remtechexpo.com/index.php/it/descrizione/remtech-europe>)

The aim of Remtech Europe, International Conference and Exhibition on land and water remediation markets and technologies, are to:

- Share information on knowledge, innovation and case histories
- Encourage the development of remediation processes and the application of new and sustainable technologies
- Bring together suppliers and problem owners of available services and technologies
- Provide a platform for discussion between stakeholders

A total of 30 topics are set up, which will draw leaders and key stakeholders from academia, government, regulatory community as well as site owners, private consulting agencies and various other environmental professionals. To find more about the event please click [here](#)

Date	Venue
19 September- 23 September	Ferrara

Global CleanUp Congress

(<https://gcc2022.cleanupconference.com/>)

Global CleanUp Congress 2022 will build on the highly successful CleanUp conference series. The Congress will include themes related but not limited to assessment and remediation of environmental contaminants and waste management from various industries. As the name Global Congress suggests, there will be a special focus on topics of global interest. To find more about the event please click [here](#)

Date	Venue
20 September- 21 September	Kuala Lumpur