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## Report of the Chair Items 2, 3, 5

Rosa M Poch








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# Item 2: Cooperation with other organizations

	Global Symposium Salt Affected Soils + INSAS	ITPS contribution
	Co-Organizers	Review Good Practice Guide SDG 15.3.1
		Participation STC Glasgow
		Seminar on Soil Carbon Management and RECSOIL to managers of cultural landscapes in the Mediterranean
	Co-Organizers	
		COP26 Glasgow (SCT 4p1000), revision of IPCC report
 	Co-Organizers	



## Item 3: Decisions 9<sup>th</sup> PA of GSP

- Welcoming to the new ITPS member



**Aleksey Sorokin**

databases, geography of soils, soil classification, soil compaction, food security, steppe areas, economics of land degradation, digital soil mapping

Lomonosov Moscow State University  
Eurasian Soil Partnership – secretariat

- Assessment of the economic benefits of sustainable soil management (SSM) for farmers and other land users

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Other points included in the work plan of ITPS approved during the GSP PA 2021:

- Develop, review and implement the **GSOBI21 outcome document**.
- Support the elaboration of the **Technical Manual for the Sustainable Management of Mountain Soils**.
- Develop, review and implement outcomes of the **GSSAS21**.
- Lead from a scientific perspective, the organization of the **Global Symposium on Soils4Nutrition (2022)**.
- Guide the preparation of global maps on **soil nutrient budgets**.
- Support the finalisation of the **Technical Manual on MRV on Soil Pollution**.
- Preparation and publication of scientific/technical notes (**ITPS letters**)
- Preparation of the **2<sup>nd</sup> version of the World Soil Resources Report** (to be issued in 2025).
- Continued collaboration with international organizations and panels

# Item 5: ITPS Letters

- Letters ready / published
  - **Soil Health, Salt-Affected Soils, SOC-SON, Soil Spectroscopy Analysis**
  - **Land sealing (being produced)**
- Letters under development
  - **Biochar, potentials and constraints:** Draft (Ashok Patra, Ellen Graber)
  - **Soil governance?** Draft (Samuel Francke, Rosa M Poch)
- New letters (?)
  - **World Soil Day** - Education, sharing/spreading knowledge, dissemination (Isabelle Verbeke?)
  - **Soil biodiversity** – (Rosa Cuevas, Peter de Ruiter)?
  - **Soil Pollution** – (Natalia Rodríguez, Ellen Graber)?
  - **Soil4nutrition, micronutrients** (Gary Pierzinsky)?
  - **Climate change?**
  - (...)



# Item 5 (ctd): Presentations IUSS Congress Glasgow 2022

Theme 7: Soil securing humanity | Humanity securing soil

Title: **Connecting soils with people: initiatives of the Global Soil Partnership**

Theme 32: Soil information standards and systems - current initiatives and advances

Title: **The Global Maps of the Global Soil Partnership: from bottom to top.**

Session 1: Spatial decision making and mapping for implementing policies for sustainable soil management

Title: **Strengthen global and national capacities on soil information, soil mapping to support Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) decision planning**

Session 2: Soil carbon: From particle to planet

Title: **Recarbonizing global soils: a technical manual of recommended management practices**

Deadline: November the 30th

Proposal: Corporate authorship ITPS-GSP, presenter: To be decided upon the ITPS members who will attend

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