



Australian Society of Soil Science Inc

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Two new positions advertised on the home page of the ASSSI web site

Currently two positions for employment are listed on the home page. For further details visit the home page www.asssi.asn.au

- University of Western Sydney soil scientist position
- Environmental Earth Sciences consultant required
- PhD scholarship readvertised

ASSSI Annual General Meeting – September 21 2009

The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Society of Soil Science Inc will be held at the SARDI Plant Research Centre Auditorium, The University of Adelaide Waite Campus ([Waite Campus Map](#)) commencing 4.50 pm on Monday September 21. All members are invited to attend and additional details will be available on the Society web page Calendar or Events.

19th World Congress of Soil Science Brisbane - Reminder to submit papers by October 31

Papers must be submitted using the on-line process no later than 31 October 2009. Submitting authors will be advised if their paper has been accepted by 15 December 2009. Once accepted, authors have until 28 February 2010 to register for the 19th World Congress of Soil Science. Instructions for authors and a sample page can be downloaded from the Congress web site

<http://www.19wcso.org.au/submit-your-abstract-here.html>

Help us promote 'Soil Solutions for a Changing World – IUSS Congress in Brisbane 2010'

A Power Point slide is available to download from the home page of the Society web site and members are asked to promote the Congress in any presentations they give. Printed postcards are also available for distribution at international conferences and congresses – please contact Liz Cuffe at CCM (liz@ccm.com.au) if you can assist.

ASSSI Events Calendar

[Link to the ASSSI Events Calendar web page](#)

SA Branch Annual Lecture and Dinner – September 21

The SA Branch invites members to their 2009 Annual Lecture where Emeritus Professor Robert E White will provide the presentation titled 'Wither Water in Vineyards'. Afternoon tea will be provided with attendees asked to arrive at 3.00 pm for a 3.30 pm start. Dinner will also be available at a local hotel for members and their guests at 6pm at the member's own cost. For further information please contact Mel Fraser 08 8303 3831 or melissa.fraser@adelaide.edu.au

SA Branch Annual Field Trip – September 22

Following on from Emeritus Professor Robert White's presentation on the 21st, the SA Field Trip will travel to Currency Creek and Langhorne Creek to meet with researchers, consultants and vineyard managers to hear about the challenges currently facing grape growers in this

research and to see the methods employed to overcome their problems. The tour departs from the Waite Institute at 8.30 am on September 22. For further information please contact Mel Fraser 08 8303 3831 or melissa.fraser@adelaide.edu.au

NSW Branch Sydney Regional Forum – Call for Abstracts and Forum details

Submission of technical or discussion papers on recent advances in soil science and management are invited with all submissions as an **extended abstract (two pages) due by August 31st**. All accepted abstracts will form part of the program as a presentation with discussion. The Sydney meeting will be held on **Friday 25th September 2009** from 10.00 to 4.30 at the RC Mills Lecture Room 209, RC Mills Building A26, The University of Sydney. Register via the link on the ASSSI Events Calendar or as below. Cost \$60.00 members and non-members. Please extend this invitation to others / groups who work in the region, and may not know of the soil science society. For further information please contact Jane Aiken 0407 853 635 or jane.aiken@bbsa.com.au. Send abstracts to Jane Aiken at jane.aiken@bbsa.com.au

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Harald Jensen Lecture September 25

The Harald Jensen Lecture will be held on Friday 25th September 2009 at Ridges Hotel, Camperdown. The lecture will follow the Recent Advances in Soil Science & Management meeting being held earlier in the day. Professor Alex McBratney will deliver the 2009 Harald Jensen Lecture – ‘Soil Carbon: The Known Unknowns’. In the context of offsets in carbon pollution reduction scheme and its obvious influence on soil quality, Alex will talk about what we think we know about soil carbon, and then about what we know we don’t know. Alex sees this as one of the major future challenges for soil science. Registration is online using the ASSSI website Events Calendar page or as below. For further information please contact Jane Aiken 0407 853 635 or jane.aiken@bbsa.com.au

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NSW Branch Canberra Regional Forum – Call for Abstracts and Forum details

Submission of technical or discussion papers on recent advances in soil science and management are invited with all submissions as an **extended abstract (two pages), due by October 20th**. All accepted abstracts will form part of the meeting program as a presentation with discussion. The Canberra Forum will be held on **Friday 20th November 2009** from 9.00 to 5.00 at the Forestry Lecture Theatre, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Building 48, The Australian National University CANBERRA, ACT 0200, AUSTRALIA. Register via the link on the ASSSI Events Calendar or as below. Cost \$60.00 members and non-members. Please extend this invitation to others / groups who work in your region, and may not know of the soil science society. For further information please contact Jane Aiken 0407 853 635 or jane.aiken@bbsa.com.au. Send abstracts to Jane Aiken at jane.aiken@bbsa.com.au

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QLD Branch dates for the diary

The Ron McDonald Memorial Lecture will be held on October 23 at the University of Queensland. Professor David Lowe, Professor of Tephrochronology and Pedology, Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences at the University of Waikato will present the Lecture titled *Pedology meets geology: insights into Andisols in Australasia*.

November 4 is the date of the next Ordinary General Meeting, to be held at the University of Queensland, and will feature the Undergraduate Student Award Night. More details will be available closer to the event.

Victorian Branch dates for the diary

2009 Leeper Lecture – 27 November 2009 at The University of Melbourne. Dr Rob Fitzpatrick will present the Lecture, titled 'Pedotechnology – solving problems in the environment, industry, mineral exploitation, engineering, military and justice system'.

2009 Leeper Excursion – 28 November 2009. Details to be confirmed.

Contributions for Profile

Do you have any news, articles, updates about people and events, photos and soil art, advertisements for soil related employment, fellowships or student scholarships? If so please send the information as either email text, or RTF or PDF file to editor@asssi.asn.au Photos need to be sent as a separate file in JPEG or a suitable format and should include a caption and the photographers name.

Insurance

Members wanting an insurance quote are encouraged to contact David Piacentino or Charmaine Robertson at Jardine Lloyd Thompson Melbourne on 1300 655 931. JLT offer professional indemnity (quotes are assessed on an individual basis), public liability and other insurance products. A discount is available to ASSSI members with CPSS accreditation.

If you want a second quote you may like to contact Carol Hawes at Fitzpatrick and Co in Glen Waverley Victoria on 1300 554 633. This is a smaller company who provide insurance to the horticultural and landscaping industry and have been able to assist some of our members in the past with their insurance needs.

ASSSI Web champion

Do we have any members with time and an interest in browsing the web that would like to volunteer as a web champion? The Executive are looking for a member who is willing to check the web site and volunteer ideas to improve it, find errors with links or information, identify other sites of interest to soil science members and be the contact person to field opinions of other members. If this could be you please email the ASSSI federal office; office@asssi.asn.au

IUSS Alert

Another great read is available with the IUSS Alert 51 – to access, click on the IUSS logo on the ASSSI home page or [IUSS Alert 51](#). Items covered include Earth Science Week from 11-17 October, the African Science Network, the sixth international phosphorus workshop and four new publications; Electrochemical Remediation Technologies for Polluted Soils, Sediments and Groundwater; Fundamentals of Soil Mechanics for Sedimentary and Residual Soils, Water Scarcity, land Degradation and Desertification in the Mediterranean Region. Environmental and Security Aspects; Holistic approach to biodiversity and bioindication in soil.

Refresher courses in soil science for environmental managers UWA

The University of Western Australia will be conducting a three-day course reviewing the basic principles and processes needed to understand soils. It will cover pedological, physical (including water), chemical and biological aspects of soil science and how to apply them as an environmental land manager. For further information and registration please visit

www.mineclosure2009.com or contact the Centre for Land Rehabilitation on +61 8 6488 3827.

Carbon Footprinting for your product, your firm your future two day course

The University of New South Wales is conducting a two day workshop on carbon footprinting and life cycle assessment (LCA) methodology on September 8 to 9 2009 at The University of New South Wales Water Research Centre, Kensington Campus. [Registration and information link](#)