



1. Title

The Progress in Development and Harmonization of Soil Classifications

2. Type

Commission Symposium: Comm. 1.4-Soil Classification

3. Convener

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4. Rationale

Soil classification continuously develops all over the world. The WRB publish regular updates, the Soil Taxonomy present periodically new Keys to Soil Taxonomy and new versions of national classifications also appear with frightening frequency. Among the modifications that add little to the progress of soil science there are some original findings that should be used for improving the international classifications. Thus the presentation of the achievement of national classification schools may be potentially useful for development the world classification. The national classifications undergo two opposite processes: the convergence and divergence. On the one hand, successful decisions in classification are shared by the new versions of the local classifications. On the other hand, the peculiarity of pedogeographical context results in different approaches to classification.

5. Objectives

To bring together the specialists in soil classification and to share their new suggestions to the improvement of soil classification.

6. Description

The symposium should include one invited keynote lecture and 4 to 6 oral presentations plus a poster session.

