



1. Title

Folk Soil Knowledge for Soil Taxonomy and Assessment

2. Type

Inter-Divisional Symposium

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4. Rationale

Ethnopedology is a discipline on the border of soil science and anthropology. It studies folk soil knowledge, including indigenous soil classifications, regional systems of soil management and conservation. This knowledge is valuable as a cultural heritage of the humanity, but it may be also used for solving actual problems. For example, folk classifications help improving the quality of soil maps, and traditional soil management practices may be useful for organic farming. Ethnopedology can also contribute to the WOCAT activities, i.e. to provide original techniques for land conservation.

5. Objectives

To bring together the specialists in various branches of ethnopedology, from vernacular soil classifications to regional models of soil use, management, and conservation.

6. Description

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

