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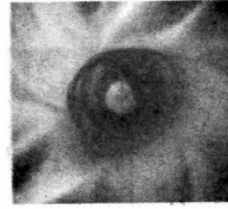
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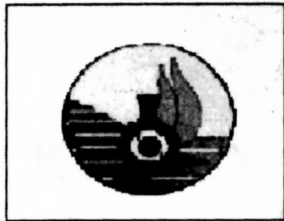
Newsletter

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The final announcement for SOILS
2003: The annual soil science
conference of Malaysia, 15-16 Apr.
2003, Kelantan, with an additional 3-
day tour in Kelantan and Thailand, 17-
19 Apr.





Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology 2003 to 2004

Re-elected for the unprecedented four two-year term as member of Board of Trustees, Dr. Rogelio N. Concepcion, Director of the Bureau of Soils and Water Management, is elected President of the Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology for the fiscal year 2004-2005. It was a third term for Dr. Concepcion to serve as PSSST President. He was PSSST's first president, 1997-1998 and was re-elected the following year, 1998-1999, completing his first term as member of the Board of Trustees. He was re-elected to the Board of Trustees for the next two years, 1999-2001. Dr. Concepcion has just completed his third two-year stint as a Trustee. With his re-election, he will serve until 2005.

Dr. Eduardo P. Paningbatan, Jr. of UPLB is PSSST Vice-President. Past President Dr. Clarita P. Aganon of CLSU (the former president) is the new Secretary. Dr. Purisima Juico of BSWM remains Treasurer, on her second year. Ms. Evelyn F. Javier of PhilRice is auditor. Mr. Rodelio B. Carating of BSWM replaces her as Public Relations Officer. Dr. Nenita dela Cruz of CLSU, newly elected to the Board of Trustees, is Business Manager.

The other trustees are Dr. Federico Perez of CLSU, re-elected for another two-year term, Dr. Roberto Bonoan, of NTA, who will serve the remaining term of Dr. Jaime Montesur who resigned from the Board, being next in rank during the 2003 election, Dr. Wilma Obcemea of FPA, and Ms. Clarita Bacatio of BSWM.

Dr. Ambrosio Gandez, in his capacity as the President of Northern Luzon Chapter, is Ex-Officio Member. Ms. Angie Marcia will continue to serve as Liaison Officer with Ms. Constancia Mangao and Ms. Adoracion Guy working with her.

PSSST Newsletters are now available ON-LINE

The first and second issues of the PSSST Newsletter for the fiscal year 2003-2004 are now available. Members should be able to get their copies from the mail. It is also available on-line.

Projects and Activities

Holding of the 7th Annual Meeting and Symposium

- The 7th Annual Meeting and Symposium was held at Benguet State University on May 20-22, 2004.
- Competitions for scientific papers in oral and poster both for Soil Science practitioners and students was held.
- Poster competition for Soil Science Societies based at state colleges and universities was on its 2nd year. The Central Luzon State University maintained its status as defending champion in the category.
- The paper competition for undergraduate thesis was also upheld with the thesis funded by the PSSST garnering the first place.



Dr. Clarita . Aganon, first lady president of PSSST with Dr. William Medrano, Director of the Bureau of Agricultural Research of the Dept. of Agriculture



Dr. William Medrano, Director of the Bureau of Agricultural Research of the Dept. of Agriculture was the keynote speaker During the annual meeting and symposium



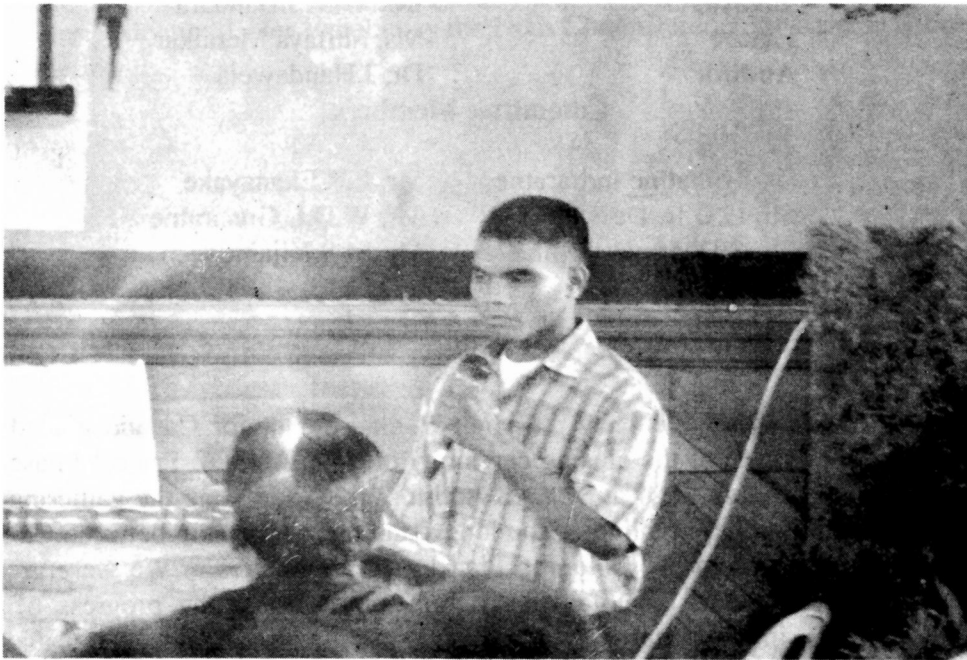
The participants during the 7th Annual Meeting and Symposium at The Benguet state University

Society Journal

The 1st and 2nd volumes of the Philippine Journal of Soil Science Researches is out of the press with ISSN 1656-6920. This is the official journal of the Society and is published semi-annual.

Undergraduate Thesis Support

The Society provides on a yearly basis a modest amount of cash to support the thesis of graduating student taking up Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, major in Soil Science from five state college/universities in the country. The student grantee should present his/her thesis paper during the annual meeting and symposium. His/her attendance is part of the cash grant.



One of the student thesis grantees by PSSST presenting his thesis during the 2004 annual meeting and symposium at the Benguet State University

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CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER GRACES *SRICANSOL* CLOSING CEREMONY

Ms. Valerie Raymond, Her Excellency the High Commissioner for Canada graced the occasion as the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony of *SRICANSOL* Project Phase III, which was held on 7th March 2004 at SLAAS Auditorium. Addressing the gathering the Canadian High Commissioner highlighted the long standing relationship between Canada and Sri Lanka tracing back to the Colombo Plan Era in the sixties. We were greatly honored by her presence and hope to keep her informed about the progress of the *SRICANSOL* Project in the future. Prof.T.B.Goh and Mr.R.G.Eilers, the Canadian counterparts of the *SRICANSOL* project also attended this ceremony.

SRICANSOL PROJECT - PHASE IV

Phase IV of the *SRICANSOL* Project titled "Using the *SRICANSOL* Database for Sustaining Agri-Environmental Health in Sri Lanka", commenced on 01 April 2004. The objective of this Phase is to complete digitizing the database, make it available to the end users, and thereby disseminate the information gathered during Phase I, II and III.. The society plan to organize many workshops to educate the membership on the dry zone soils so that they could in turn disseminate the knowledge gained to agricultural extension officers, farmers, school teachers and planters, in their own regions



Ms. Valerie Raymond, Her Excellency the High Commissioner for Canada addressing the gathering



Lighting of the oil lamp at the closing ceremony

SOCIETY MEETS THE NEW MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

The Society met the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Mr. Anura Disanayake and this is one of the first attempts to familiarize the politicians and policy makers of the country on the society's activities and the use of soil data developed under the SRICANSOL project. Dr. M.W. Wickramasinghe, Mr. K.M.A. Kendaragama (President and Secretary of SSSSL), Prof. R.B. Mapa (Team Leader, SRICANSOL Phase IV) and Mr. M.A.K. Munasinghe participated in these discussions. The Society members handed over a set of books and the document on ;repercussions on "Converting the Paddy Lands in the Wet Zone for Other Uses".

CIDA AWARDS Rs 2.6 M TO FUND THE TRAINING CENTER OF THE SOCIETY

The society received Rs 2.6 million from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for a proposal submitted by the Phase III steering committee under the local initiative projects to renovate an existing building to house the training center This will be of close proximity to the Department of Soil Science, at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. This will house all the materials collected, the publications and the database of the SRICANSOL Project. The library where many books donated by the eminent Soil Scientists in Sri Lanka and Canada will be also housed here.

This facility will also house the Soil Survey & Classification Laboratory which will be open for the undergraduate and post graduate students and the staff of the Faculty, members of the SSSSL, students and general public. The Society takes this opportunity to thank the CIDA for this funding which fulfills a longstanding need of the society. The University of Peradeniya also made its commitment by providing the land and funds for relocating the greenhouse located in the proposed renovation site. According to the agreement with CIDA this building should be ready for occupation by February 2005.

SRICANSOL PHASE I WINS CARP AWARD

The Phase I of the SRICANSOL project which is titled "Characterization and Classification of the Wet Zone Soils of Sri Lanka" won the second cash prize of Rs 250,000/= awarded by the Center For Agriculture Research Policy which was awarded by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture on 23rd September 2004. The selection was based on originality.

WORKSHOP TEA SOILS HELD AT TRI, RATHNAPURA

A workshop on "Characterization and Evaluation of Tea Growing Soils" was held at TRI Low Country Station, Rathnapura on 6th August 2004. about 55 participants including the Director, research and advisory officers from TRI participated in the program.. The Director of TRI, Dr. Shihad Mohamed in his speech highlighted the importance of giving more propaganda to the good work carried out by the society.

WORKSHOP ON "RECENT ADVANCES IN SOIL CLASSIFICATION" HELD AT TRI

A workshop on "Recent Advances in Soil Classification" was conducted at the Tea Research Institute (TRI) , Hantana on 25 June 2004. Prof .R.B.Mapa outlined the activities to be carried out during the Phase IV of the SRICANSOL project and the objectives of the workshop. The workshop included discussions on "Identification and Classification of Soils of Sri Lanka" by Mr.A.R. Dassanayake, "Recent Advances in Classification of Soils of Sri Lanka" by Mr. G.G.R. De Silva and "Introduction to SRICANSOL Database" by M.A.K.Munasinghe. A total of 45 members participated in this event. The members visited the Tea Museum at Hanthana after the workshop. Mr. P.B. Ekanayake of TRI, one of our active committee members helped to organize this event successfully.

WORKSHOP ON MICRO-IRRIGATION

A workshop on micro-irrigation was organized by the Soil Science Society of the of the Faculty of Agriculture, (students chapter of SSSSL) on 29th May 2004 at the R.R.Appadurai auditorium. sponsored by CIC Agri-business. About 150 students participated. Mr. Sunil Gunathilake, CIC Technical Manager and his team conducted the workshop. which covered the theoretical aspects of micro-irrigation and chemigation. The pumps and other hardware used in micro-irrigation systems were also demonstrated.

SOCIETY TO HELP TSUNAMI VICTIMSThe society organized a sramadana campaign to help tsunami victims instead of the usual field trip after the AGM on 19th March 2005 in Kaluthara area. Donations will be collected from the members at the AGM added to the funds donated by the society.

SRICANSOL (Phase I) TEAM DONATE PRIZE MONEY TO THE SOCIETY

The Phase I of the SRICANSOL project won the 2nd place of the National Agriculture Research Awards. The certificates for the steering committee members and a prize of Rs 250,000/= was awarded by Hon Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumaranathunga on 6th October 2004 at the Presidential Secretariat. The members of the steering committee decided to donate the prize money of Rs 250,000/= to the society building fund.

SOCIETY TO SIGN AN MOU WITH UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

The society will be signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the University of Peradeniya on the construction and use of the SRICANSOL training center at Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. This will be named as the Soil Survey Laboratory and SRICANSOL Training Center, which will be used for society activities as well as the Soil Survey and Classification laboratory for students. The MOU was tabled at the Peradeniya University Council meeting held on November 20th 2004 and approved.

FIELD DAY FOR MAHAWELI AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS HELD AT MIA

field day was held for Agricultural Officers of the Mahaweli Authority on 7th September 2005 at the Field Crop Research & Development Center, Maha Illuppallama. About 50 Agricultural Officers from the North Central province and the Agronomist of the Mahaweli Authority Mr. Nimalaratne participated in this workshop. This workshop dealt mainly with identification and management of the different drainage associations of the Alfisols occurring in the typical centenary landscape in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka. The agricultural officers need to build up the skills in identifying these drainage classes specially when recommending crops to be grown in these areas.

WORKSHOP HELD FOR TEACHERS IN RATNAPURA DISTRICT

A workshop on characterization and management of tea growing soils was held for agricultural teachers of the Rathnapura District on 24th September 2004 at the Tea Research Institute, Rathnapura. About 62 agricultural teachers and the Regional Director of Education Mr. P.A. Wanigasooriya participated in this program. The school teachers were given the theoretical background on characterization of soils and taken into the field to observe there different soil profiles in St. Joachim estate.

NEW ADDRESS AND EMAIL FACILITY FOR THE SOCIETY

The society changed its address from SLAAS to Peradeniya, in the view of the SRICANSOL training center now built at Peradeniya. The effective address from 1st January 2005 will be, Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka, P.O. Box 10, Peradeniya. This will appear in all publications and letter heads as the permanent address for the society and SRICANSOL Project. The society also opened an email address where the members

can send items to the newsletter and communicate with the office bearers of the society. The email address is: soilscisoclk@yahoo.com All members are encouraged to send their email addresses to the society to make communication quicker. The society will open a web site soon which will be linked to the CIDA website including information collected by the SRICANSOL Project. The content pages of the Journal of the Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka is already posted in the CIDA website.

WORKSHOP HELD FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS IN KALUTHARA DISTRICT A workshop on soil characterization and compost making was held for agriculture teachers of Kaluthara district on 22nd October 2004 at Rice Research and Development Center, Bombuwala. The Assistant Director of Education (Kaluthara District), Mrs. Padmini Wijesinghe and 66 teachers participated in this program.



Workshop for Agriculture teachers at Rathnapura

SOCIETY TO PROPOSE METHODOLOGY FOR DESILTING OF VILLAGE TANKS The Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Irrigation and Livestock has launched a program in desilting of village tanks. On the request by the Hon minister, the SSSSL has taken a keen interest on this as a project of national importance and will be proposing a methodology for desilting village tanks. Society members study the siltation of Thittawala tank along the Kurunegala Puttalam road on 4th September 2004. A report on methodology to desilt village tanks will be handed over to the Minister in January 2005.



7th ESAFS International Conference
Sustainability of Paddy Farming Systems
June 1-5

Bureau of Soils and Water Management, Quezon City, PHILIPPINES

The 7th ESAFS International Conference back to back with the 8th PSSST Annual Meeting and Symposium will be held in the Philippines on June 1-5, 2005. ESAFS is held every two years. This year's theme focuses on the "Sustainability of Paddy Farming Systems", the most vulnerable ecosystems so far, where the greatest part of food production depends on.

There will be two major parts of the conference; two days for the technical sessions and three days for field tour in Central Plain of Luzon dubbed as the rice granary of the Philippines and in Northern Luzon where one of the *Eight Wonders of the Ancient World*, the Banaue Rice Terraces can be seen in reality by our scientists, researchers and soil science practitioners from East and Southeast Asia and Iran.

Scope of the Symposium

The symposium is divided into topics on a) shift from traditional varieties to hybrids, paddy soil database, land evaluation and agricultural development planning, paddy field precision farming, fertility mapping, nutrient variability, alternate food cash-based farming system and irrigation as they all affects food security; b) Sustainability and externalities of paddy farming and multifunctionality of paddy farming as to monetary, productivity and environment contributions; c) Water use efficiency, irrigation technology, emission and mitigation of greenhouse gasses and assessment of environmental loads of paddy farming; d) organic farming, heavy metals and toxic chemicals, GMO, chemical residues, government policies and post harvest concerns and advances in paddy farming.

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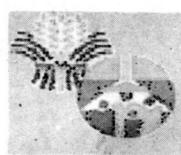
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The Chinese Society of Soil and Fertilizer Sciences 2003 to 2005

Society: The Chinese Society of Soil and Fertilizer Sciences

Location: Taipei, Taiwan

Nationality: TAIWAN

No. of the Members: There are 275 members including 200 active member, 50 student members, and 25 Group members.

Society President: Dr. Zueng-Sang Chen
President of Chinese Society of Soil and
Fertilizer Sciences (CSSFS) (Jan/2002-Dec/2005)



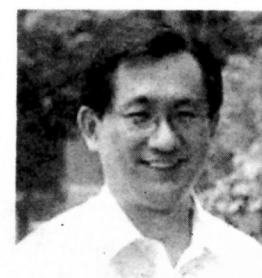
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Society Journal: SOIL AND ENVIRONMENT. It is published quarterly since 1998. It was published in Vol. 8 No. 1 and 2 in June, 2005. The ISSN is 1029-2950. There are about 30 articles in 400 pages of one volume. The price of 4 No. in one volume is US\$ 40.

Annual meeting of Society: The annual meeting is always organized in one day program and it will be held in the 2nd Friday of December. There are some activities including business meeting, workshop and poster session.

Term of the President: 2 years per term.

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Main activities in 2003

1. The 6th ESAFS International Conference on Soil Management Technology)

- The 6th ESAFS International Conference Soil Management Technology on Low-productivity and Degraded Soils had held on November 24-29, 2003, at National Taiwan University located at Taipei city, northern Taiwan.
- The major discussion themes include (1) biophysical, physical and socio-economic causes of low-productivity and degraded soils in Asian countries, (2) approaches and technologic options for low-productivity soils, including erosion control, conserving and improving soil fertility, soil water balance, temperature control, soil organic matter management, etc., (3) suitability of the various technologies or potential approaches for low-productivity and degraded soils; including socio-economical considerations;(4) Asian unified soil database for soil management technology transfer;(5) sustainable soil management techniques; and (6) research and extension program for future works on soil degradation. Some pictures in the conference are shown in Fig.1 to Fig. 3.



Fig. 1. Some Japan participants and President of ESAFS, Prof. Zueng-Sang Chen, visiting the representative soil monoliths of Taiwan, which were collected by the Laboratory of Zueng-Sang Chen at National Taiwan University.

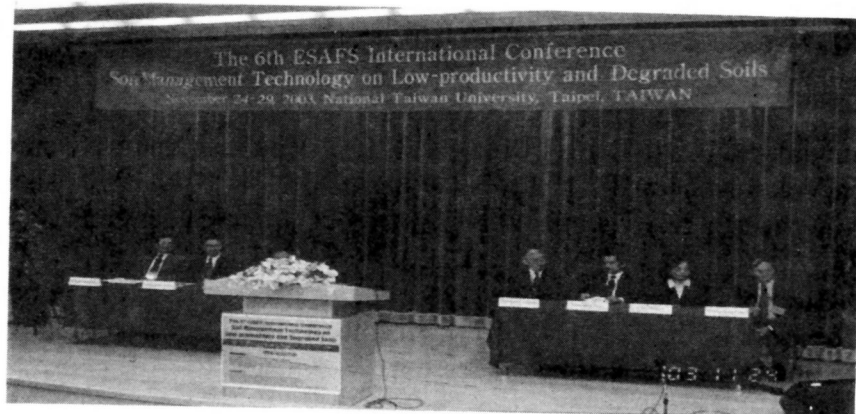


Fig. 2. Some invited guests and keynote speakers were invited in the Open ceremony of 6th ESAFS conference held at National Taiwan University.



Fig. 3. Group pictures of participants of 6th ESAFS conference held at National Taiwan University.

2. Annual Meeting of CSSFS)

Conference on the Application and Regulation of Soil Management Group had held on December 12, 2003, at National Chung Hsing University located at Taichung city, central Taiwan.



Fig. 4. Some participants attended the annual meeting of CSSFS on Dec. 12, 2003.

- The major discussion themes include (1) Taiwan soil management system organized before 2000, (2) Reorganized New soil management system in Taiwan, (3) new database establishment of soil management system in Taiwan, (4) the new soil characteristics in database of soil management system in Taiwan, (5) the relationship between fertilization technology and crop productivity in new soil management system in Taiwan, (6) soil management techniques for strong acidic soils in Taiwan, and (7) the application of new soil management system in Taiwan.
- More than 150 members have registered to attend this annual meeting of Society. Some pictures in the conference are shown in Fig.4 to Fig. 6.

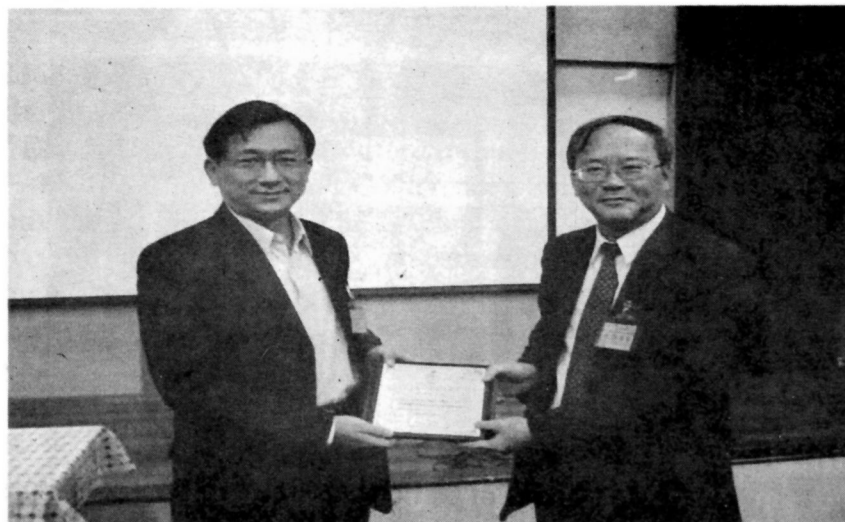


Fig. 5. Awards presentation in the annual meeting of CSSFS on Dec. 12, 2003.



Fig. 6. Voting for new Board of Directors of CSSFS on Dec. 12, 2003.

Main Activities in 2004

1. Fifth Conference of Both Strait on the Soil Science and Fertilizer Sciences)

- 5th Conference of Both Strait on the Soil Science and Fertilizer Sciences were held on July 26-29, 2004 at Shenyang city, Northeastern China.
- Some major oral and poster presentation in this conference include (1) relations of color index and soil wetness condition of rice-growing soils in northern Taiwan, (2) variations of soil water content and soil solution compositions in subtropical rain forest of southern Taiwan, (3) The pedogenic process of Volcanic soils along a transect in northern Taiwan, (4) reducing of heavy metals bioavailable concentration of containment paddy soils by using chemical amendments, (5) characteristics and genesis of placic horizon in subalpine forest soils of Taiwan, and (6) chemical amendments effect on the cadmium

bioavailability of contaminated soils in Taiwan.

- Some pictures in the conference are shown in Fig.7 to Fig. 9.



Fig. 7. 15 Participants from Taiwan attended the 5th Conference of Both Strait on the Soil Science and Fertilizer Sciences, which were held on July 26-29, 2004, at Shenyang city, northeastern China



Fig. 8. 15 Participants from Taiwan attended the 5th Conference of Both Strait on the Soil Science and Fertilizer Sciences



Fig. 9. Participants attended the paper oral presentation at Shenyang city.

2. Annual Meeting of CSSFS)

- The Workshop on Cultivation and Processing of Medical Plants will be held on Dec. 4, 2004 at National Taiwan University located at Taipei city, northern Taiwan.
- The major discussion themes include (1) active substances in medical plants including alkaloids, glycosides, essential oils and other active substances, (2) Components identifying and development of new medical plans, (3) the potential of utilizing natural plants in agriculture, and (4) gene engineering of secondary plant product of medical plants.
- The total predicted participants will be about 150 persons in Dec. 4, 2005.
- Some pictures in the conference are shown in Fig. 10 to Fig. 11.

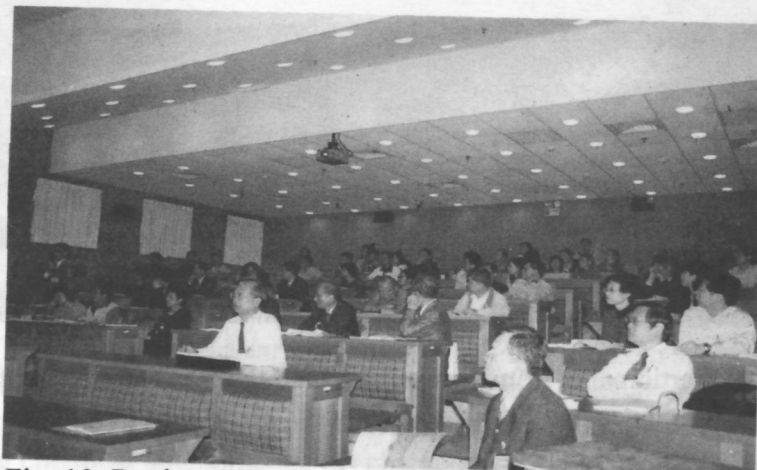


Fig. 10. Participants attend the 2004 Annual meeting of CSSFS on Dec. 4th



Fig. 11. The participants attended the poster session during the annual meeting of CSSFS held on Dec. 4th, 2004.



Fig. 12. The participants visited the soil museum of Department of Agricultural Chemistry of National Taiwan University before the dinner party of the CSSFS held on Dec. 4th, 2004. The present of CSSFS, Prof. Zueng-Sang Chen, make a guide interpretation for the visitors attending the annual meeting.

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**18th World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS)
Frontiers of Soil Science: Technology and Information Age**

**July 9-15, 2006
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<http://www.18wcss.org>**

The World Congress is organized by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS). IUSS is the global union of soil scientists. The objectives of the union are to foster all branches of the soil sciences and their applications, and to give support to soil scientists in the pursuit of their activities. The website: <http://www.iuss.org>

On behalf of the organizing committee and IUSS officers, I invite everyone to attend the 18th WCSS . Late Registration is until January 1, 2006.

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Key Dates to Remeber	
January 1, 2005	Early Registration @ \$550
September 15, 2005	Deadline for submission of abstracts
January 1, 2006	Convenors and co-convenors have finalized draft of scientific program
January 15, 2006	Authors will be notified of the status of papers submitted
February 1, 2006	Registration fee increases to \$ 600
May 1, 2006	Presenters not registered will be dropped from program and abstracts

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

2005

Acid Rain - air pollution, its effects and future 12-17 June Czech Republic

The role of long-term field experiments in agriculture and ecology 22-24 June Czech Republic

Cryosols: genesis, ecology and management 1-8 August Russia

Sustainable agriculture for food, energy and industry 22-27 August Canada

Geomorphology 7-11 Sept Spain

ICID conference: Use of water and land 10-18 Sept China

22nd International meeting on organic geochemistry 12-16 Sept Spain

Pedometrics 2005 12-14 Sept USA

Human impacts on soil quality attributes 12-16 Sept Iran

XV International Plant Nutrition Colloquium 14-19 Sept China

IUSS conference on salinization 19-21 Sept Hungary

Stability of tropical rainforest margins 19-23 Sept Germany

Third World Congress on Conservation Agriculture 3-7 Oct Kenya

Nuclear Techniques in Soil, Water and Nutrient Management 10-13 Oct Kenya

Advances of molecular modeling - Perspectives for soil research 21-22 Oct Austria

N management in agroecosystems 24-26 Oct Netherlands

Soils of urban, industrial, traffic, mining and military areas 17-25 Nov Egypt



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June

7th ESAFS BUSINESS MEETING NATIONAL DELEGATES

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President, Chinese Society of Soil and Fertilizer Sciences

Zeng-Yei Hseu
Secretary General



Management of tropical sandy soils for sustainable agriculture 28 Nov-2 Dec Thailand

Where water meets. NZ soils conference 28 Nov-2 Dec New Zealand

7th African Crop Science Society Conference 5-9 Dec Uganda

2006

Conference on Hydrology and Management of Forested Wetlands 8-12 April USA

International symposium on deteriorated volcanic soils 1-7 July Mexico

18th World Congress of Soil Science 9-15 July USA

100 years of soil science in Romania 20-26 August Romania

2008

International congress of irrigation and drainage Pakistan

2010

19th World Congress of Soil Science Australia

Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition 2003 to 2004

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Activities

2003

- Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (JSSSPN) held its Annual Meeting at Ikuta Campus of Meiji University, Kanagawa Pref. Japan, August, 20-22, 2003 and issued the abstract of this meeting (Vol. 49, ISSN 02288-5840).
- In this meeting Dr. Malcolm Sumner (Regents' Professor Emeritus, University of Georgia, President of International Steering Committee of 6th Plant-Soil Interaction at Low pH (6th PSILPH) ” was invited and gave a lecture on “Gypsum application in strongly acid soil”
- JSSSPN also held The 16th International Symposium on “Environmental Biogeochemistry (ISEB)” at Oirase Ground Hotel, Aomori Pref. Japan, September, 1-6,2003, in cooperation with Japanese Society of Microbial Ecology and OECD, and published a special issue of Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (JSSPN) Vol.50, No6, 2004.

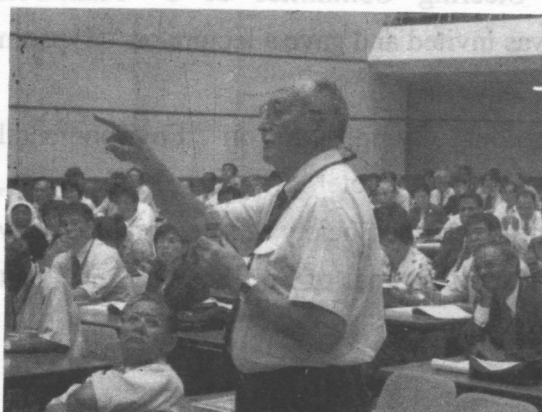
2004

- Annual Meeting of JSSSPN was held at Kyushu University, Fukuoka Pref. Japan September, 14-16,2004 with its excursion tour (September 17-19) to Southern Kyushu Island (Miyazaki and Kagoshima) and issued the abstract of this meeting (Vol. 50).
- JSSSPN supported the 12th International Symposium on “Iron Nutrition and Interactions in Plants”(ISINIP) at Yayoi-Hall, University of Tokyo Tokyo Japan, 11-15,2004.and published a special issue of JSSPN Vol.50,No7, 2004.
- JSSSPN also held 6th PSILPH at Sendai, Miyagi Pref. Japan August,1-5 2004 including one-day field tour (August 3) in cooperation with International Steering Committee of 6th PSILPH.

- Science Council of Japan (SCJ) joined International Union of Soil Science (IUSS) and JSSSPN held special symposium on “Future and Potential Possibility of Soil Resources- an Approach from Soil Science-” at Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan November 27, 2004 in cooperation with SCJ.



Participant of the 6th PSILPH Symposium



Delegates during symposium and field tour at Field Science Center for Tohoku University.

(Masahiko Saigusa : former president of JSSSPN)



Malaysian Society of Soil Science

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About us

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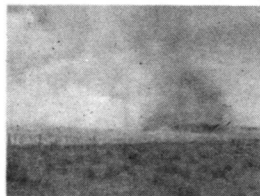
- To promote the study of soil science and to create public awareness on the importance of soil conservation within the context of sustainable land management.
- To review areas of soil study relevant for national development.
- To disburse small grants to needy students and to members attending seminars.

Mailing list

Why not join our mailing list? This list is for announcements, updates, news and information on MSSS activities, as well as a place of discussion on soil science. This list is open to everyone, including non-members.

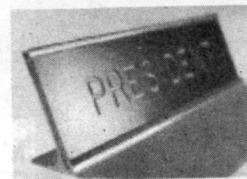
MSSS News

7-Jun-04



Forum on "Open Burning in Malaysian Rice Paddies" to be held at UPM, 11 June 2004; 8:30 AM

The new Management Committee 2004/05

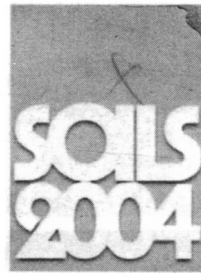


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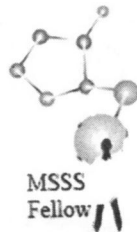


The MSSS newsletter issue 01/2004 is out.

Final call for papers: Soil Science Conference of Malaysia, Penang. The post-conference tour will be at Medan, Indonesia. Hurry!



4-Feb-04



Fellowship is awarded to distinguished society members.

11-Nov-03

The MSSS newsletter issue 02/2003 is out.



16-Oct-03



Next year's Soil Science Conference of Malaysia will be held at Penang and the post-conference tour at Medan, Indonesia. We are calling for oral and poster papers.

13-14 Apr. 04 (Conference)
15-18 Apr. 04 (Tour)

15-Oct-03

The MSSS website disappeared momentarily for 2-3 weeks in Sept and Oct 2003. What happened?

04-Aug-03



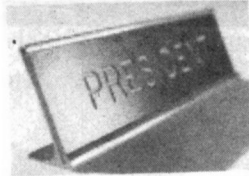
Photos are out on the last Soil Science Conference of Malaysia 2003 at Kota Bharu, Kelantan.

01-Aug-03

The MSSS newsletter is back after a few years of dormancy. The newsletter is to inform members about MSSS plans and activities.



30-May-03

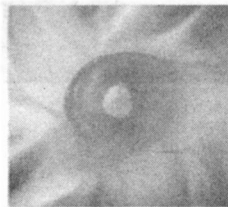


After the AGM on the 15 Apr. 2003, here are the new committee members for 2003/04.

8-Apr-03

The post-conference tour to Thailand 17-19 April has been cancelled as a safety precaution due to the SARS epidemic. The tour is now limited to a 1-day tour of Kelantan.

2-Apr-03



The conference programme and poster session for SOILS 2003 have been finalised. See the list of oral and poster presenters and their paper titles.

22-Feb-03