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Being and developing as a global network of academics interested in tillage and field traffic research is an essential strength - and key mission - of ISTRO. This is reflected in a large geographical spread of contributions at the triannual conferences, the working group workshops and in the Soil & Tillage Research Journal. However, as many of you know, ISTRO is also actively involved at national scale through ISTRO Branches in a number of countries ([www.istro.org](http://www.istro.org)). I plan to present the branches and their activities in this and the coming ISTRO INFO's. Here, I will start with the Croatian Branch that was started in 2007 and has been very active since then.

The benefits and opportunities of ISTRO Branches is to combine local with global networking. Furthermore, the ISTRO Membership fees are reduced to 1/3 of the regular base fee for low-economy countries. Branch members have full voting rights and are considered full Members within ISTRO.

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## ☞ The Croatian ISTRO Branch



The Croatian Branch of ISTRO, CROSTRO, was started in 2007 and has been very active since then. It has 41 members in total and is headed by Prof. Danijel Jug. CROSTRO organise meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> year and co-organise annual meetings. The last main CROSTRO meeting was held in 2013 and was entitled "Soil and crop management: Adaptation and mitigation of climate change". A couple of pictures from the meeting is show below.

The next main CROSTRO meeting will be held in June 19-21, 2017, Osijek, Croatia (see under Upcoming events for more information) . The strong activity regarding meetings is also reflected in high output of scientific and non-scientific publications, e.g. four doctoral theses have been defended during 2012-15. For more information on CROSTRO please consult CROSTRO's homepage [www.hdpot.hr](http://www.hdpot.hr).



Pictures from the CROSTRO 2013 conference.

## ☞ISTRO Conference 2018

The 21<sup>st</sup> ISTRO conference will take place from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of september, 2018. It will held at "Cit  Universitaire Internationale de Paris (CIUP)", Paris, France. The venue place is located "intra muros", in the south of the city, 15 min. from down town Paris by bus or subway. More details on programme etc. will follow.



Picture of "Cit  Universitaire Internationale de Paris"

## ☞Upcoming Meetings and Events

### August/September, 2016

The Third World Conference of World Association of Soil and Water Conservation on "New challenges and strategies of soil and water conservation in the changing world sustainable management of soil and water resources". August 22-26, 2016 in Belgrade, Serbia:

Webpage: <http://3rdwaswacconference.sfb.bg.ac.rs/>

2016 International Conference on Clean Water, Air & Soil (CleanWAS). August 26 -28, 2016, Shangri-la Hotel, Beijing, China.

Webpage: <http://www.cleanwas.org/en-us/index.html>

International Scientific Conference "Conserving Soils and Water 2016". August 31-September 3. 2016, Atlantis hotel,

Sarafovo district, Burgas, Bulgaria.

Webpage: <http://www.conserving-soils.eu/>

14th Congress of the European Society of Agronomy. September 5-9, 2016, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Webpage: <http://www.european-agronomy.org/frontpage/esa-events/item/xiv-esa-congress-2.html>

Soil, Security and Society - Conference of the British Society of Soil Science/Soil Security Programme (SSP). September 7-8, 2016

University of Reading, Berkshire, UK

Webpage: <http://www.soils.org.uk/event/920>

The 26th International Symposium: Soil Forming Factors and Processes from the Temperate Zone. September 16-18, 2016, Iași, Romania.

Link:

[http://www.iuss.org/files/anunt fp 2016 en 2 .pdf](http://www.iuss.org/files/anunt_fp_2016_en_2.pdf)

11th International Conference on Agrophysics: Soil, Plant & Climate. September 26-28, 2016, Lublin, Poland.

Webpage: <http://www.agrophysics.org/>

### October, 2016

Sustainable Development of Soil and Water Resources in Nile Basin Countries. October 17- 19, 2016, Cairo, Egypt.

Webpage:

[http://www.iuss.org/files/nile\\_basin\\_conference brochure.pdf](http://www.iuss.org/files/nile_basin_conference_brochure.pdf)

XXI Congress of Latin American Soil Science Society. October 24-28, 2016, Quito, Ecuador. Webpage:

<http://www.secsuelo.org/home-page>

### November/December, 2016

2nd Global Soil Security Conference. December 5-6, 2016, Paris, France:

<https://gssparisen.wordpress.com/>

Soil, a Balancing Act Downunder. December 12-16, 2016 Queenstown New Zealand.

Webpage: <http://www.nzsssconference.co.nz/call-for-abstracts/instructions-themes.html>

## June 2017

3rd International Scientific Conference on "Sustainability challenges in agroecosystems". June 19-21, 2017, Osijek, Croatia.

Link:

[http://www.hdpot.hr/images/files/istro\\_3rd\\_international\\_scientific\\_conference.pdf](http://www.hdpot.hr/images/files/istro_3rd_international_scientific_conference.pdf)

1st World Conference on Soil and Water Conservation under Global Change – CONSOWA, 2017. June 12-16, 2017 in Lleida, Spain.

Webpage:

[http://www.swcs.org/index.cfm/6404/72691/first\\_world\\_conference\\_on\\_soil\\_and\\_water\\_conservation\\_under\\_global\\_change](http://www.swcs.org/index.cfm/6404/72691/first_world_conference_on_soil_and_water_conservation_under_global_change)

## August 2018

21<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS) on the theme: "Soils to feed and fuel the world". August 12-17, 2018 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Webpage: <http://21wcsc.org/>

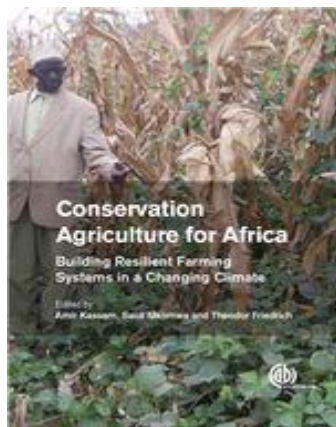
2018 21<sup>st</sup> ISTRO Conference, Paris, France. September 24-28, 2018.

## 🌀 New books

### Conservation Agriculture for Africa

Building Resilient Farming Systems in a Changing Climate

Edited by A. Kassam, S. Saidi and T. Friedrich



**Hardback, 10% online discount:**

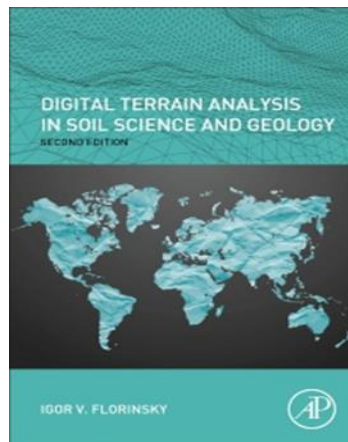
This book assesses the latest trends in the adoption of conservation agriculture. Focusing on

the most recent technologies to improve agricultural resilience to climate change, as well as increase profitability and sustainability, it takes a continental and sub-regional approach to African agriculture. Covering climate-proofing, resilience, sustainable intensification, and the extension and adoption process for new techniques, this book is a vital resource for researchers of agriculture and sustainability.

More information about book:

<http://www.cabi.org/bookshop/book/9781780645681>

### Digital Terrain Analysis in Soil Science and Geology, 2nd Edition



Apply discount code **EARTH315** for 30% off list price and free global shipping when you order via the Elsevier Store.

More information about book:

[http://store.elsevier.com/product.jsp?isbn=9780128046326&utm\\_campaign=ELS\\_STBK\\_20160664\\_030\\_EarthEnviSci&utm\\_campaignPK=221066446&utm\\_term=C\\_20160664\\_030&utm\\_content=232473404&utm\\_source=35&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_medium=SIS\\_ID=0](http://store.elsevier.com/product.jsp?isbn=9780128046326&utm_campaign=ELS_STBK_20160664_030_EarthEnviSci&utm_campaignPK=221066446&utm_term=C_20160664_030&utm_content=232473404&utm_source=35&utm_medium=email&utm_medium=SIS_ID=0)

## ⌘ Other books

### **Soil Erosion Protection Measures in Europe**

By U. Schwertmann, R.J. Rickson & K. Auerswald  
(Editors)

List price EUR 60.50, **special rate 50% off**

### **Global Change**

**- Challenges for Soil Management -**

### **Advances in GeoEcology 41**

Miodrag Zlatić (Editor)

List price € 139.00, **special rate 50% off**

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