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**WORLD ASSOCIATION OF
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
(WASWAC)**

The World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC), as a worldwide academic society, was established in USA in August 1983. The WASWAC secretariat, initially located at the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS), Iowa, USA, was moved on 1 April 2003 to the International Center for Research and Training on Seabuckthorn (ICRTS), Beijing, China, and from October 2010 to the International Research and Training Center on Erosion and Sedimentation (IRTCES), also in Beijing.

Since its founding, the WASWAC has devoted itself to research and communication to solve scientific and technical problems related to soil and water conservation. Many cooperative research projects have been conducted, a series of international training courses, symposia and workshops have been organized, and several awards in the field of soil and conservation have been set up and sponsored by WASWAC.

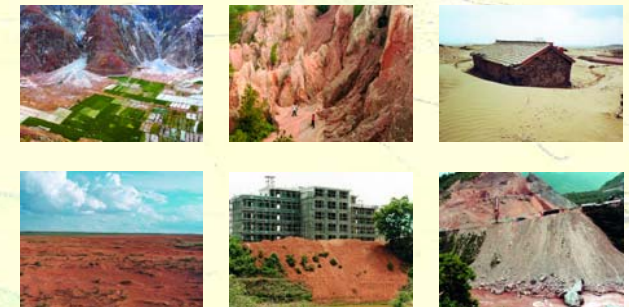
WASWAC welcomes future cooperation and collaboration with sister organizations, including governmental and non-governmental agencies, universities, research institutes, and consultants in soil and conservation-related fields across the world. The aim is to promote the wise use of management practices that will improve and safeguard the quality of land and water resources so that they continue to meet the needs of agriculture, society and nature.

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BACKGROUND

The acceleration of soil erosion is a serious global concern, adversely affecting productivity of all natural ecosystems as well as agricultural, forest, and rangeland ecosystems. According to UN data, an area large enough to feed Europe - 300M hectares, about 10 times the size of the UK - has been so severely degraded so it cannot produce food. The urgency of the need prompted the establishment of an international society to strengthen research and technical cooperation. WASWAC was therefore set up with the vision "A world in which all soil and water resources are used in a productive, sustainable and ecologically sound manner".



Various erosion forms and complicated types



Soil and water conservation treatments

DEVELOPMENT

Twenty-nine years on, WASWAC now has over 1,000 members from 60 countries, classified in 5 categories: Individual members (IM), Life members (LM), Organization members (OM), Student and Gift members (SM & GM) and Guest members (GM).

WASWAC Presidents

Time	President	Country
August 1983	Bill Moldenhauer	USA
1983-1986	Norman Hudson	UK
1987-1991	Rattan Lal	USA
1992-1997	Hans Hurni	Switzerland
1997-2001	David Sanders	UK
2002-2006	Samran Sombatpanit	Thailand
Jan-Mar 2005	Martin Haigh	UK
2006-2010	Miodrag Zlatic	Serbia
2011-2013	Li Rui	China

AWARDS

WASWAC is in charge of the Norman Hudson Memorial Award, Distinguished Research Award, and Distinguished Extension Award to outstanding soil erosion and conservation researchers and engineers.

PUBLICATIONS

WASWAC has published a series of books and issues the monthly Hot News and quarterly BULLETIN, reporting the latest news about relevant issues such as research funding, scholarships and fellowships, opportunities for training and study tour, new books, proceedings, magazines, brochures, newsletters, call for papers, conferences and worldwide job opportunities.



A series of WASWAC publications

CONFERENCES

WASWAC organizes a world conference (WC) every 3 years, to coincide with its official Council meeting and other technical meetings. The next one (2nd WASWAC WC) will take place in Bangkok, Thailand from May 13 to 18, 2013.



Conference pictures of WASWAC

MEMBERS APPLICATION

Name:.....

Gender: F M

Institution:.....

Postal address:.....

State/Province:.....

Zip/Postal code:..... Country:.....

Phone:..... Fax:.....

Emails:.....

Specialized field(s):.....

Membership category: IM LM OM SM&GM GM

IM- Individual members, US\$20 for 5 years for developing countries, US\$40 for 5 years for developed countries and persons working in international organizations worldwide.

LM- Life members, US\$80 for developing countries, US\$160 for developed countries and persons working in international organizations worldwide.

OM- Organization members, US\$100/year for an organization with up to 150 persons, US\$150/year for an organization with up to 300 persons; US\$200/year for an organization with up to 500 persons; and US\$10/year for an additional 100 persons or part thereof.

SM & GM- Student & Gift members, US\$5/year worldwide, to be purchased to give to colleagues, friends, students, etc.

GM- Guest members, FREE for up to 1 year (By invitation).

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