

18th International Soil Conservation Organization Conference

May 31 – June 5, 2015 El Paso, Texas

First Announcement



Achieving sustainability through conservation in a changing world

About ISCO

ISCO is an organization composed of conservation professionals from around the globe who meet biennially to share their latest research results. Begin in 1978, ISCO has met on every inhabited continent and is returning to North America for the first time since 1999. Please mark your calendars and plan on spending the week with us in El Paso.

For more info: www.Tucson.ars.ag.gov/isco

Conference Tours

Conference registration will include a mid-week technical tour of soil and water conservation research projects at the historic USDA Jornada Experimental Range, a LTER site, LTAR site and USDA regional climate hub in the morning. In the afternoon we will travel to the coolness of the Sacramento Mountains to look at post-fire soil stabilization projects.

A post-conference tour is available for an additional fee. The tour will be five days and includes visits to the Walnut Gulch Experimental Watershed and historic Tombstone, AZ, Sonoran Desert Museum, Grand Canyon, early Native American cliff dwellings and Biosphere II. The tour fee covers all related expenses except meals.



For More Information

For more information please email the chair of the Organizing Committee, Scott Van Pelt at:

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Conference Topics

- Soil conservation for mitigation and adaptation to a changing climate: sustainable solutions
- Impacts of soil erosion and conservation on soil health and organic carbon sequestration
- Conservation agriculture
- Basic soil erosion: processes, mechanisms, and modeling
- Socio-economic dimensions of soil conservation
- Sustainable intensification of food production
- Soil degradation: salinization, sodification, and desertification
- Soil conservation in non-agricultural settings: i.e. urban and forestry

Conference Venue

The University of Texas at El Paso campus between the Franklin Mountains and the Rio Grande is the conference site. UTEP is celebrating 100 years of education and research. El Paso is a multi-cultural city rich in history and culture.



Conference Sponsors

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Important Dates

Aug. 15, 2014 – Call for abstracts
Nov. 15, 2014 – Early registration opens
Feb. 16, 2015 – Abstract submission deadline
Mar. 15, 2015 – Early registration closes
May 1, 2015 – Last day to register