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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). 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.

If you are interested in starting up an ISTRO Branch in your country please send an e-mail to Blair McKenzie (blair.mckenzie@hutton.ac.uk) or Jean Roger-Estrade (Jean.Roger-Estrade@grignon.inra.fr).

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.

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 3rd 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.

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**ISTRO Conference 2018**

The 21st ISTRO conference will take place from the 24th to the 28th of September, 2018. It will held at "Cité Universitaire Internationale de Paris (CIUP)", Paris, France. The venue place is located “intra muros”, in the south of the city, 15 min. from downtown Paris by bus or subway. More details on programme etc. will follow.

![Picture of “Cité Universitaire Internationale de Paris”](image)

**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://3rdwaswaconference.sfb.bg.ac.rs/](http://3rdwaswaconference.sfb.bg.ac.rs/)


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


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](http://www.soils.org.uk/event/920)


**October, 2016**


**November/December, 2016**

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

[https://gssparisen.wordpress.com/](https://gssparisen.wordpress.com/)

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

June 2017


August 2018
21st 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://21wcss.org/


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.

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

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Soil Erosion Protection Measures in Europe
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List price EUR 60.50, special rate 50% off

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Advances in GeoEcology 41
Miodrag Zlatić (Editor)
List price € 139.00, special rate 50% off