

## Activities

The Italian Society of Soil Science organizes a national congress annually. The annual members' assembly, convened during the Congress, approves the theme and venue of the next Congress, following a proposal from the Executive Committee.

## Awards

The "**Gian Pietro Ballatore Award**" is a biennial competition for young associated graduates who have completed dissertations on topics related to soil science.

The "**Fiorenzo Mancini Award**", published every two years, is awarded to PhD graduates who have earned the title in Italian Universities defending dissertations on soil science.

## Relationships

The Society is member of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) and the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS). SISS collaborates with other institutions and companies with similar policies and objectives.

# SISS

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*Società Italiana  
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## Web Page

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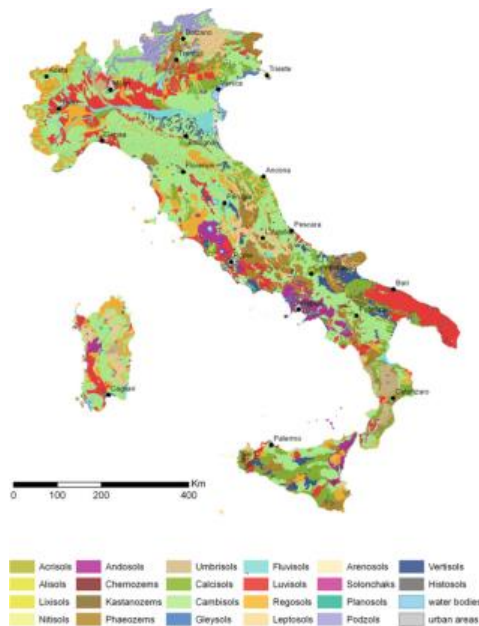
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## The Soils of Italy



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## Italian Society of Soil Science

The Italian Society of Soil Science was founded in Florence on February 18<sup>th</sup> 1952. It is an association legally acknowledged by Decree of the President of the Italian Republic in February 1957.

## Aims

SISS promotes progress, coordination and dissemination of soil science and its applications encouraging relationships and collaboration amongst those with a shared interest in soil.

## Why join the SISS

Joining SISS offers definite career benefits. Students, teachers, researchers, practitioners, administrators, will always find a fruitful interaction with other professionals, academics or researchers in the field of soil science and the opportunity for continuous cultural exchange and/or professional growth.

## How to join the SISS

Those wishing to join SISS should download the application form available in the web site: [www.scienzadelsuolo.org/soci .php](http://www.scienzadelsuolo.org/soci.php) and submit it to the Secretary at the following address: [segretario@scienzadelsuolo.org](mailto:segretario@scienzadelsuolo.org)

## Organization

The Italian Society of Soil Science is divided into four divisions:

### Division 1

#### Soil in Space and Time

Prevailing areas of reference: Morphology and micromorphology of soils; Soil geography; Genesis of soil; Soil classification and mapping; Pedometrics; Paleopedology.

### Division 2

#### Soil properties and processes

Prevailing areas of reference: Soil physics; Soil chemistry; Soil biology; Soil mineralogy; Physical, chemical and biological processes in soil.

### Division 3

#### Soil Use and Management

Prevailing areas of reference: Land evaluations and land use; Soil and water conservation; Soil fertility and plant nutrition; Soil engineering and technology; Assessment and recovery of degraded soils.

### Division 4

#### Environmental and social role of soil

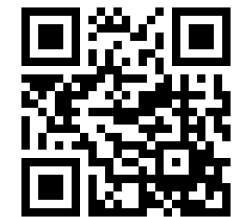
Prevailing areas of reference: Soil and environment; Soil and food security; Soil and human health; Soil and environmental legislation; Soil education and social awareness; History, philosophy and sociology of soil science.

## Technical Committees and Working Groups



## Training

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## Social media



Within the SISS are Working Groups and Technical Committees for specific issues of interest:

**Technical Committee for Soil Education and Public Awareness**

**Working Group on Hydromorphic and Subaqueous Soils**

**Working Group on Pedotechniques**

SISS organizes training schools for young scholars. **School of Biodiversity and Bioindication** is organized annually.