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SWCS and COVID-19

As COVID-19 has impacted all of our lives, at work and at home, we want to let you know your professional society is thinking of you and your families. As staff are working remotely, please use email to connect with SWCS at this time.

77th SWCS International Annual Conference Updates

Denver, Colorado
July 31 - August 3, 2022
www.swcs.org/22AC

Call for Presentations Now Open

SWCS invites the submission of workshops, oral presentations, symposia, and posters for the 77th SWCS International Annual Conference, taking place July 31-August 3, 2022, at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, Colorado.

Submissions are being accepted for three special and eight general topic areas. General submissions should speak to the overall conference theme, "Elevating Conservation to New Heights."

- At the Intersection of Agriculture and Conservation
- Climate-Smart Agriculture
- On the Frontier of Conservation in the West
- 2022 General Conference Theme Submissions

The submission deadline is February 16, 2022. Download the full [Call for Presentations](#) for more information.

The conference theme, "Elevating Conservation to New Heights," embraces the mountainous region of the location while emphasizing the shared vision held by conservationists around the world to scale our work, repair ecosystems, and create resilient working lands.

This year's event is situated on the Front Range, where the plains meet the Rocky Mountains and where one can see the vast impacts of a changing climate and increased populations on our natural resources. A central concern for much of this semiarid to arid region is water, most often the lack of water. The west depends upon irrigation for crop production, which depletes both surface water and groundwater supplies. Additionally, competition between urban and agricultural land and water uses has increased as populations and cities grow. Other challenges pressing to the region include wind erosion, high soil salinity, rangeland soil health, brush control, and wildfire impacts. Here the possibilities for partnerships to elevate soil health and water conservation are not only endless but necessary. Regional sessions and tours will provide a space to share the latest projects and tools addressing impacts of a changing climate and increased populations on the natural resources of the area.

In addition to working lands, many of the nation's most awe-inspiring parks and protected areas are present in the region, and the natural beauty serves as a reminder of the value of the conservationists' work. Colorado is a wild and scenic state where residents and visitors alike immerse themselves in the natural resources our professionals labor daily to improve and protect.

After two years of virtual conferences, this stunning conference location offers an opportunity for the global conservation community to come together and collectively share solutions, combat obstacles, and accelerate conservation efforts. This year's conference will feature the latest ideas, technologies, and practices and foster a dialogue around their scaling. Through workshops, sessions, symposia, tours, exhibits, and demonstrations, cutting-edge research and practice developments in soil health, water quality, and resource management will be shared.

Join us on the frontier of conservation to share insights and advice on projects and partnerships that take meaningful action toward creating and supporting systems that sustain soil and water resources and serve people equitably.

Become a Conference Exhibitor or Sponsor

The 77th SWCS International Annual Conference is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to connect with a uniquely targeted group of conservation and environmental professionals. Becoming an exhibitor or sponsor gives you an affordable opportunity to market your products and services to a key audience and maximize your organization's exposure. Put your brand in front of those who are directly involved in the decision-making process of purchasing products or those who influence prospective buyers and conservationists.

Download and review the [Exhibitor and Sponsor Guide](#) for full details and to become an exhibitor or sponsor today!

Exhibitors and sponsors will be recognized in the preliminary program if the exhibitor and contract, payment, and logo are received by **April 1, 2022**. For additional information, contact events@swcs.org.



Upcoming Events

[Hoosier Chapter Winter Meeting](#)

Virtual Event

December 16, 2021

[South Carolina Chapter Symposium](#)

Charleston, South Carolina

February 21, 2022



Annual Giving Campaign

As the year draws to a close, we want to thank those of you who have supported SWCS with a gift. If you haven't given yet, you may be wondering what your support does for SWCS.

- **You strengthen** our ability to collaborate with scientists and policymakers to produce results-oriented guidance for conservation stakeholders.
- **You help** us promote innovative practices that foster the science of soil, water, and related natural resources management to achieve sustainability.
- **You ensure** we are able to provide educational publications and professional development opportunities to inform conservation professionals and their work.

There's still time for you to help us continue our important work to preserve and protect our soil and water resources. Give online now or give by mail using the form at www.swcs.org/give.

Federal employees can give, through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) with the code #11797.

Thank you again for your support!



Chapter Reports and Awards

It's that time of year again! We are asking our chapter leaders to complete a [Chapter Activity Report](#) on the previous year's work. The information provided is used to ensure that chapters are current and are meeting required obligations. It is also used to submit charitable applications. This report is combined with the chapter awards nomination form, allowing chapters to easily apply for two annual awards when filling out the report.

Information regarding Chapter Activity Reports has been sent to chapter presidents. All reports are to be submitted through the online form by **March 4, 2022**. Please contact memberservices@swcs.org with any questions.

Science and Policy News

Below you will find a list of some of the latest conservation science and policy news. Links to full articles on the different subjects are included.

- Federal [conservation plan](#) raises questions and confusion among Kansas stakeholders
- USDA invests \$1.2 million with Ohio State University to support [climate-smart](#) ag
- Landowners can apply to [conservation easement](#) program
- Conservation and [food production](#) must work in tandem, new study says
- Colorado State University soil scientists to co-lead \$19M project on [soil health](#), farmer well-being
- The Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur launches new portable device that can [detect soil health](#) in just 90 seconds
- [Argentine winemakers](#) put water resources and soil health as top priorities
- Demonstration field on [North Dakota farm](#) shows the value of trying new things
- Poll finds people are willing to pay to protect the [Great Lakes](#) amid rising water quality concerns
- [Cover crops](#) as cash crops: Farmers angle to profit off the practice
- USDA to remove November 1 restriction for harvesting or grazing [cover crops](#) on prevented plant acres
- No-till and cover crop systems [cut costs](#) and save soil
- [Soil erosion](#) trends in the United States
- What does [sustainable agriculture](#) look like in Trinidad and Tobago?
- Trees in the wetlands emit more [methane](#) than researchers thought
- Low-cost AI [soil sensors](#) could help farmers curb fertilizer use
- Research shows value of [concentrated farming](#)
- Researchers say it's time to clean up the [US Clean Water Act](#)

The opinions expressed in these articles are meant to keep SWCS members informed of current conservation conversations and do not necessarily represent the views of SWCS.

New Members

Welcome members who joined in November!

International

Qiangqiang Rong

Alabama

Lisa Harris

Arizona

Murad Ellafi

Colorado

John Dawson

Connecticut/Massachusetts/Rhode Island—Southern New England Chapter

Abigail Elder

Iowa

James Bultman

Derek Franklin

Kentucky—Bluegrass

Emma Coakley

Maryland—Maryland Old Line

Cara Peterson

Nebraska

Ryan Meister

New York—Empire State

Kim Cameron

Chanda Lindsay

Oklahoma

Alfonso Garcia

Corporate Partners

Please visit www.swcs.org/corporatepartner for more information on how to become a corporate partner.

Platinum



Gold



Silver



Bronze

