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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

One Day Left to Submit Annual Conference Presentation



ONE DAY LEFT!



There is only **one day left** to submit your oral presentation, poster presentation, symposium, or workshop for the 77th SWCS International Annual Conference, taking place July 31–August 3, 2022, in Denver, Colorado. Don't miss out on the opportunity to share your research and projects with an international audience!

The submission deadline is **Wednesday, February 16**. Please note there will be not be an extension this year. We

are recommending that individuals submit their abstracts even if they do not have current travel authorization. There will be an opportunity to withdraw your presentation at a later date, if needed.

This year's conference features four submission tracks:

- At the Intersection of Agriculture and Conservation
- Climate-Smart Agriculture
- On the Frontier of Conservation in the West
- 2022 General Conference Theme Submissions
 - Adaptive Management of Conservation Efforts
 - Conservation Economics and Policy
 - Conservation Models, Tools, and Technologies
 - Conservation in Organic, Specialty, Small-Scale, or Urban Agriculture
 - Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement
 - Social Sciences Informing Conservation
 - Soil Health Resources, Indicators, Assessment, and Management
 - Water Resource Assessment and Management

Visit www.swcs.org/22AC for more information and to submit your proposal by February 16.

Annual Conference Exhibitor and Sponsor Opportunities

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 contract, payment, and logo are received by **April 1, 2022**.

Conservation Photo Contest

Enter our free photo contest by June 1 for a chance to win a \$50 e-gift card from Amazon, be selected for display during the 77th SWCS International Annual Conference, July 31–August 3, 2022, in Denver, Colorado, and on the virtual resources platform following the event, and see your photo on the cover of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*!

We want to see photos that display soil and water conservation and people in action, showcase the beauty of the world's natural resources, and/or inspire conservation professionals working to ensure the future of our natural resources on both private and public lands.

View the photo contest information at www.swcs.org/22PC.



Award Nomination and Scholarship Applications Now Available

The SWCS awards program is designed to recognize individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in advocating the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources. Nominate an individual today! View the 2022 SWCS award opportunities at www.swcs.org/awards and submit your nomination by **Thursday, April 14**.

SWCS has three scholarship opportunities for all members. Take advantage today and apply! Visit www.swcs.org/scholarships for additional information and to fill out your application by **Thursday, April 14!**



**AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS
NOW OPEN!**



SWCS Student Leader Project Internship Opportunity



SWCS, in partnership with the [Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees](#) (ARCSE), is looking for a summer Student Leader Project Intern. Intern tasks may include, but are not limited to, assisting with operations and logistics of the 77th SWCS International Annual Conference, planning a student and early career professional development session during conference, assisting with the creation of a social media calendar and designing posts, updating WordPress website, assisting with a retiree project, other resource creation and design, and more.

The intern will gain professional work experience, interact with national leaders in agriculture and natural resource conservation, and learn about the operations of an international nonprofit. The intern will work virtually, but will be required to travel to the in-person event at the conclusion of the internship to participate in the 77th SWCS International Annual Conference held in Denver, Colorado, and experience a professional conference as both an organizer and participant.

The application deadline is **March 4, 2022**. View the [Internship Announcement](#) for more details.

Upcoming Events

[South Carolina Chapter Symposium](#)

Charleston, South Carolina
February 21, 2022

[SWCS Chapter Leadership Training Webinar](#)

Virtual Event
February 24, 2022

[Michigan Chapter ANR Seminar](#)

St. Johns, Michigan
March 11, 2022

[Southern New England Chapter Annual Winter Conference](#)

Virtual Event
March 25, 2022

Register for the Chapter Leadership Training

Registration is now open for the 2022 SWCS Chapter Leadership Training. It will be held virtually Thursday, February 24, 11 am-12:30 pm CST via Zoom. This is a free event, open to all current and future SWCS chapter leaders. The training will be recorded and available on the SWCS website. [Click here](#) to register.

SWCS CEO Clare Lindahl and SWCS Chapter and Community Builder Renee Bouldin will introduce new recruiting materials and train leaders in their use. They will also demonstrate new tools for leaders to connect and share their experiences. There will be breakout room discussions to jump-start conversations between chapters.

Follow the steps on the [registration checklist](#) to register and learn more about the tools to be discussed on the training.



Giving Campaign... Extended!

We are so close to reaching our fundraising goal thanks to the support of our amazing donors! If you haven't had a chance to give yet, now is the perfect time as we are only \$3,000 away from reaching our goal for this fiscal year. Any amount will help us get there, so if you haven't donated yet, head to www.swcs.org/give to help us protect our soil and water resources!



Chapter Activity Report

As a reminder to our chapter leaders, please fill out and return your Chapter Activity Report using [this form](#) by **March 4, 2022**. Each chapter must complete an Annual Chapter Activity Report. The information provided is used to ensure that chapters are current and are meeting required obligations. It is also used to submit charitable applications. Thank you!

11th International Drainage Symposium

Des Moines, Iowa
 August 30–September 3, 2022
www.swcs.org/22IDS

SWCS, in partnership with the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE), invites your participation and presentations for the 11th International Drainage Symposium, August 30–September 2, 2022, in Des Moines, Iowa. Presenting at the International Drainage Symposium is an opportunity to share your work with drainage researchers, professionals, and practitioners from around the world.

Visit www.swcs.org/22IDS for more information and to submit your abstract by **Tuesday, March 15**.



AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2022



Des Moines, Iowa
www.swcs.org/22IDS



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.

- [On-farm monitoring](#) informs management to keep phosphorus in place

- A record number of Coloradans are pursuing [conservation easements](#) as land, water prices increase
- [Winter grazing](#): Simplified
- [United Nations report](#): The world's farms stretched to a breaking point
- Supporters, opponents of change in [water quality](#) standards weigh in on rule proposal
- Supreme Court takes US Environmental Protection Agency case that could narrow [Clean Water Act](#)
- [Nationwide study](#) will examine the effects of regenerative agriculture
- University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources scientists receive \$1.5M National Institute for Food and Agriculture grant for [climate-smart agriculture](#)
- Only 15% of [coastal regions](#) around the world remain intact

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.

Conservation at the Co-op: February Update

In November of 2019, our partnership with Truterra was awarded over \$1.5 million in funding by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Through the project, SWCS and Truterra aim to accelerate the adoption of precision nutrient management and soil health practices in Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Winter is not only coming, it has arrived at the co-op. The elevators are covered in ice and snow, and co-op staff are diligently working indoors, at their desks. We call this time the off-season—that gap in the year after harvest and before the ground is thawed enough to begin field work. Co-op conservationists take this time to analyze all the data that have been collected the previous year. Soil tests taken after harvest help in the writing of new variable-rate prescriptions for nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. Yield data illuminate field imagery with colorized heat maps showing what zones of a field produced the most grain. The farmer clients are presented with this information during consultations for the upcoming year—how much fertilizer to buy and where to apply it, and what yield goals to set. Although it is cold outside and the yards are less busy, there is no hibernation happening at the co-op; there is diligent desk work constantly underway, all in hopes of improving yield, ROI, and soil health in the year that lies ahead.

New Members

Welcome members who joined in January!

Arkansas—Razorback

Katy Brantley

California/Nevada

Luis Cruz

Iowa—Iowa State University Student Chapter

Lydia Brown

Indiana—Hoosier

Larry Groves
Sydney Mrazik

Michigan

Lynnette Ramsey

Ohio—All Ohio

Chet Murphy

Texas—Golden Spread

MJ Nolan

Washington—Olympic View

Barbera Brooks

New Conservation Community Members

Welcome community members who joined in January! Learn how to become a Conservation Community Member [here](#).

South Carolina

Clarendon Soil and Water Conservation District

Corporate Partners

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

Platinum



Gold



Silver



Bronze

