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2018 International Annual Conference

Albuquerque Convention Center
 Albuquerque, New Mexico
 July 29 to August 1, 2018
www.swcs.org/18AC

Presenting Sponsor Announced

SWCS is pleased to announce we will be partnering with presenting sponsor [Syngenta](http://www.syngenta.com) to bring you the 73rd SWCS International Annual Conference.



Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities

Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities are now available for the 73rd SWCS International Annual Conference, "Culture, Climate, and Conservation." This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to connect with a uniquely targeted group of conservation and environmental professionals. Becoming an exhibitor gives you an affordable opportunity to market your products and services to a key audience and maximize your company's exposure. Sponsors are vital to ensuring the success of the SWCS International Annual Conference. Sponsorship packages include an array of benefits such as advertising, promotion at the conference, complimentary registrations, and more.



An exhibitor visits with an attendee at the 2017 SWCS International Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

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Exhibitors at the 2017 SWCS International Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

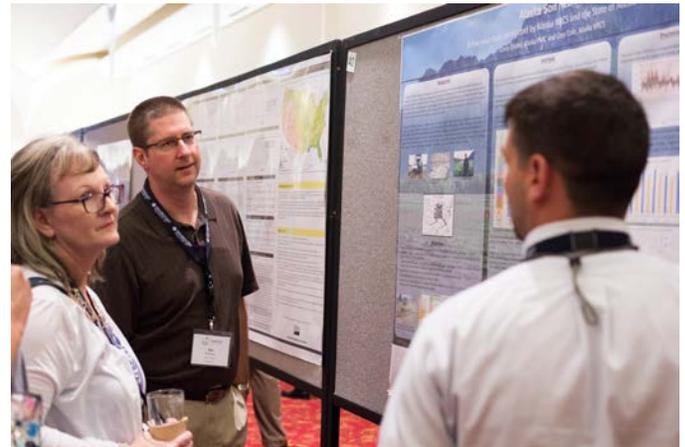
Take a look at [18AC Sponsors and Exhibitors](#) for more information. If you would like to work on a custom package, or if you have an exhibitor or a sponsor referral, please contact Jamie Nieman at corporate.info@swcs.org or 1-515-289-2331 ext. 114.

Make sure to continue watching the conference website, www.swcs.org/18ac, for all the latest conference news and updates!



Call for Poster Presentation Proposals

The deadline to submit your poster presentation proposal for the 2018 SWCS Annual Conference is **March 9**. Please note that these submissions will not appear in the Preliminary Program. For details on abstract submission categories, you may download the [full Call for Presentations](#).



Attendees listen to a poster presentation at the 2017 SWCS International Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

New Special Issue of the Journal



The January/February issue of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* is a compilation of recent work that examines the role of edge-of-field monitoring for identifying and addressing nutrient losses from agricultural lands. This timely issue was prompted by the 2015 Nutrient Management and Edge-of-Field Monitoring Conference, held in Memphis, Tennessee, with a focus on nutrient

management, monitoring, and reduction to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay, Great Lakes, and Gulf of Mexico. The journal issue introduction by Daniels et al. provides background on the value of edge-of-field monitoring in relationship to larger scale modeling and nutrient reduction plans as well as an overview of the research articles in the issue. A pair of articles by Harmel et al. discuss the acceptable level of nutrients in runoff and measurement tools and methods for assessment. Additionally, studies by Aryal et al., Baker et al., and King et al. consider the effects of specific conservation practices or suites of practices on nutrient and sediment runoff. View the full table of contents in the [online Journal](#).

Annual Giving Campaign: Thank You!

SWCS is grateful to all who have donated during our annual giving campaign. Your generous gifts make it possible for SWCS to further its mission and support professionals who practice and advance the science and art of natural resource conservation. Visit [SWCS Give](#) to learn more about how you can donate to the Society. Thank you!

Individual Scholarships and Awards



Recognize your colleagues by nominating them for an award from SWCS. It is simple, easy, and shows someone they are honored for their commitment to conservation. Visit [SWCS Awards](#) for details.

Looking for funds to help support your education in conservation? Check out scholarships through SWCS. There are three national scholarships for SWCS student members.

Submission deadline for individual awards and scholarships is March 16, 2018.

Conservation NewsBriefs: Popular Articles from December



Are you up-to-date with news about soil and water conservation research and policy? *Conservation NewsBriefs* is a highly informative e-news brief that delivers the most relevant content to your inbox each and every Thursday. Below are links to some of the most read articles from over the past month:

- [A new approach to production agriculture, soil health and cover crops](#) (Hoosier Ag Today)
- [Climate change makes Dust Bowl's lessons new again](#) (E&E News)
- [New study finds timing is key in keeping organic matter in wet soils](#) (Iowa State University via ScienceDaily)

[Click here](#) to sign up and start receiving your weekly *Conservation NewsBriefs* today!

News from DC

Courtesy of SWCS DC Representative John Peterson

- The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is going to rework some of the regulations that the Obama administration put in place to protect farm workers when handling pesticides.
- The Senate has confirmed David Ross to serve as the assistant administrator for USEPA's Office of Water, where he will play a lead role in writing a new "Waters of the US" rule. Also confirmed is Matthew Leopold, a former general counsel of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, to be USEPA's general counsel.
- In December, USEPA released a [priority list](#) of 21 Superfund sites targeted for immediate cleanup.
- The Environmental Quality Incentives Program's (EQIP) Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) help drive innovation in conservation. A new \$10 million funding pool will focus on three areas: grazing lands, organic systems, and soil health. Grant proposals are due February 26.
- Farm groups say the USEPA underestimates the number of farms that will have to [report emissions](#) from manure.
- USDA has selected Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) projects for 2018 totaling \$220 million across 91 selected projects. [Read the full list](#) of projects and project descriptions.
- Delaware said it would [sue the USEPA](#) for failing to ensure that nearby Pennsylvania and West Virginia curbed upwind air pollution from their power plants.
- USDA plans to add 30 new watersheds in 2018 to the National Water Quality Initiative, which helps landowners improve water quality while strengthening agricultural operations.

Upcoming Events

[Nebraska Chapter 35th Annual Legislative/ Informational Breakfast](#)
Lincoln, Nebraska
February 6, 2018

[Colorado Chapter Farming Evolution](#)
Holyoke, Colorado
February 13-14, 2018

[Southern New England Chapter Winter Conference](#)
Sturbridge, Massachusetts
March 16, 2018

SWCS IN 2017

We can't believe it's already 2018! Take a look back at some of what the **Soil and Water Conservation Society** has accomplished in the last year. Thank you for being a part of it!

1. JOURNAL OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

We published volume 72 of the [Journal of Soil and Water Conservation](#). That's over 80 articles, including one special issue on sustainable corn production systems.



2. 72ND INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE



In July we traveled to Madison, Wisconsin, for the 72nd International Annual Conference, "Conservation Connections." The meeting was a huge success, with over 500 attendees representing six different countries and 43 states.

3. CONSERVATION MATTERS

We launched a video series called "Conservation Matters." This series challenges researchers from across the country to explain their work to us in just a few minutes. Be sure to check the whole series out at vimeo.com/swcs.

4. CEO CLARE LINDAHL



In August, [Clare Lindahl](#) joined the SWCS team as CEO. Under her leadership, SWCS will further its mission to foster the art and science of natural resource conservation, and advocate for conservation professionals and for science-based conservation practice, programs, and policy.

5. LOCAL CHAPTERS

The chapters that make up SWCS across the United States and Canada have had a busy year hosting workshops, meetings, and training events for local members.

6. COVER CROPS AND SOIL HEALTH

In December, SWCS partnered with the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to host the 2nd National Conference on Cover Crops and Soil Health in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting brought together over 500 participants, a third of whom were farmers!



7. NEW MEMBERS

329 people became new members of SWCS in 2017. (Don't forget to renew your membership at swcs.org/join).

8. WEBSITE REDESIGN

If you haven't visited [SWCS.org](https://swcs.org) lately, it's worth a click! In 2017, SWCS underwent a website redesign to refresh our look and improve user experience through better navigation and more content. We've also enhanced our online presence through social media. Go ahead, check it out!

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 twitter.com/SWCSNews

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 vimeo.com/SWCS

New Members

Welcome members who joined in December!

California/Nevada

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Josh Heims
Brian Jensen

Oregon

Karma Anderson

Pennsylvania—Keystone

Casey Pearce

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