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2018 International Annual Conference
Albuquerque Convention Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico
July 29 to August 1, 2018
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Presenting Sponsor Announced
SWCS is pleased to announce we will be partnering with presenting sponsor Syngenta 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.
Don’t miss this opportunity to 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. Allow us to help connect your organization with our audience of more than 500 conservation professionals!

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.

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 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 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!

   - [facebook.com/soilandwaterconservation](https://facebook.com/soilandwaterconservation)
   - [twitter.com/SWCSNews](https://twitter.com/SWCSNews)
   - [instagram.com/SWCSNews](https://instagram.com/SWCSNews)
   - [vimeo.com/SWCS](https://vimeo.com/SWCS)
New Members

Welcome members who joined in December!

California/Nevada
Martin Rasnick

Iowa
Josh Heims
Brian Jensen

Oregon
Karma Anderson

Pennsylvania—Keystone
Casey Pearce

Corporate Members

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