

**2014 Soil System Sciences Business Meeting Minutes**  
**29 April 2014, 12:15-13:15**

Award winners were announced:

Duchaufour Medal – Johan Six

Outstanding student poster - 4 winners announced

Best Flyer Awards – SSS10.8-How scientific results can improve sustainable agriculture received third place, (I missed this one) received second place, and SSS2.6-Data acquisition in soil erosion studies in catchments: what are we measuring and why? received first place.

Best Convener – Axel Don

Best oral talk 2013 – Carla Ferreira

Best Poster 2013 – Peter Nyman

Best PICO 2013 – Boris Jansen

2014 Outstanding Young Scientist – Markus Steffens

SSS is looking for awards nominations for the 2015 for Duchaufour and Outstanding Young Scientist awards.

14,895 abstracts submitted were submitted to EGU and there are 10,261 advanced registrations. About 12,000 total conference participants are expected this year.

2,279 SSS abstracts were submitted to SSS single and co-sponsored sessions (1,457 to SSS only sessions). SSS sponsored 83 sessions (28 co-sponsored and 55 single sponsored). SSS had the second most submissions for 2014.

The number of time blocks and rooms have become under a bit of a constraint due to the large numbers of submissions. Posters are being put in the 5<sup>th</sup> time block. We have a goal of at least 1-2 young scientists per oral block.

EGU Communications include EGUToday, Blogs.

Report by Antonio Jordan on the Secretariat for Outreach and News. Last year SSS resolved to enhance SSS presence on imageo. SSS went from a previous high of 13 submissions in a year to 90 submissions to imageo in 2013 and has 28 so far in 2014 (on pace to roughly equal 2013 submissions). More people have also contributed (14 photographers from SSS contributed in 2014, while the previous high for SSS was 10 and 7 have contributed so far in 2014). There are a total of 149 SSS photos in imageo right now. The SSS Facebook site launched 20 April 2014 and has about 2074 likes; the most popular age group is 24-34 years old. Members are encouraged to post to Facebook. The Twitter account launched in September 2013 and has 160 followers right now; half have signed up in the last 2 months. The Google+ account was launched in October 2013 and only has 14 followers so far but has achieved 19,181 viewers. SSS has not reached 19,000 people on Facebook yet. The SSS blog is now at [gsoilwordpress.com](http://gsoilwordpress.com) (it has moved since last year). The blog had 33,514 visits between June 2012 and April 2014. SSS joined the EGU blog network in 2013. Members are encouraged to send news of publications etc. so it can be sent out to the SSS members via Facebook, Twitter, and Google+. SSS is currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> division in number of applications for outstanding student poster award, this is very good.

SOIL will be launched Thursday at 7:00 in Room B9. SSS members were asked to submit papers.

Artemi requested that SSS members start to think about session ideas for 2015.

There will be a SSS sponsored meeting in Bari, Italy 22-25 September 2014. Abstract submission has been extended to 11 May. Over 100 abstracts so far, over 200 scientists expected.

2015 meeting schedule:

May-June – skeleton program

Mid June – publication of skeleton program on web

Sept – finalize program by subdivision chairs and EGU program committee

Contact Artemi to submit a session proposal

The SSS Division structure for 2014-2015 was announced and approved.

A discussion about a second medal for the SSS is discussed. Artemi Cerdà accept upon the agreement of the colleagues in the meeting to ask to the council of the EGU to develop a proposal.

Next year's meeting will be 13-17 April 2015.

Eric Brevick, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2014, 13:30 Vienna