



# THE SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF BELGIUM

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## **ANNUAL EXCURSION 2014**

### **ISRIC AND SOILSCAPES OF THE VELUWE**

**Two-day excursion to the International Soil Reference and Information Centre and to the periglacial soilscapes around Wageningen**

*June 2-3, 2014*

*Organization:*

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This 2-day international excursion will pay a guided visit to the world-renowned ISRIC Soil Museum and to the spectacular periglacial soilscapes and riversystems of Wageningen and the Veluwe.

ISRIC - World Soil Information is an independent, science-based foundation. The institute was founded in 1966 following a recommendation of the International Soil Science Society (ISSS) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It has a mandate to serve the international community with information about the world's soil resources to help addressing major global issues. ISRIC is the ICSU World Data Centre for Soils (WDC-Soils) since 1989 and it collaborates with a wide range of partners worldwide. ISRIC operates in three priority areas: soil data and soil mapping; application of soil data in global development issues; and training and education. Since 2011, ISRIC has worked on the construction of a new World Soil Museum located on the campus of Wageningen University and Research Centre (WUR). On 250 square meters it displays a selection of ISRIC's unique soil monolith collection. Further, visitors can experience the role of soils in supporting life and ecosystems, and get an impression of the enormous variation of soil types around the world, from the colorful volcanic ash soil from Indonesia to the man-made Terra Preta soil from the Amazon.

During the second day, the soilscapes surrounding Wageningen will be visited, which were formed by periglacial phenomena, rivers and anthropogenic factors, leading to a large variety in geomorphology, deposits and soils. We will start on top of the glacial end-moraine (Wageningse berg) and continue to the river- and valley systems (Gelderse Vallei). This valley comprises poorly drained sandy and clayey soils and lowland peat area's. In the afternoon we will visit the Veluwe with dry Podzol profiles and Plaggic Anthrosols on old agricultural fields (enkeerd- en laarpodzolgronden), and 'het Wekeromse Zand', a large area with shifting sands that originated from intensive use, which included the collection of plaggen. Deep Plaggic Anthrosols and buried Podzols further evidence the land-use history of this remarkable area.

## **Tentative Programme**

### *June 2*

10h00	Appointment at the railway station of Leuven
10h15	Departure to ISRIC
13h00 – 13h30	Lunch
14h00 – 18h00	Visit to ISRIC and the World Soil Museum
19h00 – 20h00	Dinner in Wageningen

### *June 3*

09h00 – 13h00	Field visit to Wageningse Berg and Gelderse Vallei
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch at the Rhine
14h00 – 18h00	Field visit to Veluwe National Park and Wekeromse Zand
18h00	Departure to Leuven

## **Registration procedure**

In order to be able to arrange for the bus, accommodation and food, we need to know the number of people that will join well in advance. Hence, if you want to join us for this two-day excursion, please fill out the registration form below and send it back to [Karen.vancampenhout@kuleuven.be](mailto:Karen.vancampenhout@kuleuven.be), **before May 5<sup>th</sup>**. Important: write “registration annual excursion 2014” as the subject-line of your e-mail!

Tentative price, including transport, accommodation, excursion guide, meals and fees:

- 200 € / 220€ based on a shared room for members/ non-members
- 250€ / 270€ based on a single room for members/ non-members

For non-members, the excursion fee also includes a membership for 2014.

After May 5<sup>th</sup>, we will make all necessary reservations and contact you again to communicate the final details and payment information. Please note that the number of participants is limited, so early registration is recommended. The organizers reserve the right to close the registration before the deadline in case the limit is reached. Places will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## **Additional information**

[www.isric.org](http://www.isric.org)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veluwe>

[http://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wekeromse\\_Zand](http://nl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wekeromse_Zand)

<http://www.hogeveluwe.nl/en>

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**SSSB ANNUAL EXCURSION 2014**

**KINDLY FILL OUT AND RETURN BEFORE MAY 5, 2014**

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**COORDINATES**

**Name and surname:** -----

**Professional affiliation (name of the organisation and postal address):**

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**Tel.:** ----- **GSM:** -----

**E-mail:** -----

**PARTICIPATION**

**Please tick your intention:**

- I plan to join the SSSB 2014 annual excursion and would like a single room
- I plan to join the SSSB 2014 annual excursion and would like a shared room
- Preferred roommate? .....

**Registration, please tick one of the following:**

- I am SSSB member for 2014 and pay 200/ 250€ for the excursion (double/single)
- I am not a member of SSSB for 2014 and pay 220/ 270€ for the excursion (double/single) which includes a membership for 2014
- I am not a member but I would like a five-year membership. In this case, I pay 290€/ 340€ for the excursion and the membership.
- I don't remember if I renewed my membership. Please check this for me. If I am no longer a member, I would like to renew my membership for
  - one year (20€)
  - five years (90€)

**Remarks or special dietary requirements:** .....