



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

WORLD CONFERENCE III

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The Third WASWAC World Conference was Successfully Held

The 3rd WASWAC World Conference was held in Belgrade, Serbia, during the period of Aug. 22-26, 2016. The theme of the conference is “New Challenges and Strategies of Soil and Water Conservation in the Changing World, Sustainable Management of Soil and Water Resources”. This conference was organized by the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation, Sub-committee on Belgrade University – Faculty of Forestry. The cooperating organizations include 15 government agencies or academic societies distributed in Serbia, Spain, Italy, and USA. About 200 participants from 33 counties or regions attended this conference.



Sing the national anthem of Serbia at the WASWAC WC III opening ceremony

On the opening ceremony, Prof. Li Rui, the president of WASWAC, Miodrag Zlatic President of Organization Committee of WASWAC Conference gave the welcome speech. Besides the keynotes speech by Dr. Panos Panagos from European Commission in Italy Prof. Miodrag Zlatic from University of Belgrade, Prof. Guobin Liu from Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, China, Prof. Mingchang Shi from Beijing Forestry University, and Prof. Jose Luis Rubio from University of Valenciana, Prof. Rathan Lal in the Ohio State University, USA made video report with title “Conserving Soil and Water Resources for Climate-Resilient Agriculture”.

Dean of the Faculty of Forestry Belgrade University prof. Ratko Ristid, State Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development Vera Dondur; Assistant Minister of the

Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development Viktor Nedovid; Representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment Protection, Directorate for waters Nataša Milid; Deputy Mayor of the City of Belgrade Andreja Mladenovid; President of ESSC Prof. Carmelo Dazzi; Secretary of Secretariat for Environment, Belgrade Goran Trivan; Director of Institute for Forestry Ljubinko Rakonjac; Director of Public Enterprise Serbian Forests Predrag Aleksid; Director of Water Management Institute “Jaroslav Cerni” Milan Dimkid; Director of the Institute for Nature Conservation of Serbia Aleksandar Dragišid; President of Organization Committee of WASWAC Conference attended the opening ceremony.



Speech provided by Prof. Carmelo Dazzi

The three days conference provided an output of deep plenary sessions based on the issues collected following topics: new challenges to soil and water resources in condition of climate change, land degradation processes and mechanism, soil and water conservation measures benefits assessment, sustainable watershed management, social and economic aspects, and policies related to soil and water conservation.

The Award-winner for several awards set up by WASWAC has been released by the secretary-general of WASWAC Prof. Duihu Ning. During the conference, the 2016 Outstanding Youth Paper Award (Datum) was also presented with a Certificate from the WASWAC and a \$1000 (USD) honorarium

for each winner. This year, there are 10 young scientists from 6 countries won the award.



Video presentation by Prof. Rattan Lal



Welcome speech by President Li Rui



A glance of speeches

Most participants attended the post-conference tour on Aug. 26 to visit the center of the Agriculture Faculty–Radmilovac, vineyards and orchards on terraces. Measures to control soil and water loss were discussed and communicated.



Group Photo during the Field Trip



Presentations