

# WASWAC President's New Year Message of 2018

The year of 2017 will be passed soon and the new year of 2018 is about around the corner. Take this opportunity of saying goodbye to 2017 and welcoming the prosperous 2018, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all WASWAC councilors, advisers, Regional vice-chairmen and all members. Merry Christmas and happy new year to you and your family!

During this year, WASWAC was developed as expected, everything was going smoothly. Our association is becoming stronger and stronger with the support from all of you. Thanks! I am happy to make a brief summary of 2017 and general plan for 2018.

## **1. To improve and consummate WASWAC council organization**

It is the first year for the new Council in the new term (2017-2019). We have made a great efforts of council improvement and consummation. To accomplish more effective management and more international operation, 6 committees were established in the framework of council..

- (1) Organization Committee, Chairman: Miodrag Zlatic
- (2) International cooperation and development committee, Chairman: José Luis Rubio
- (3) Conference committee, Chairman: Suraj Bhan
- (4) Publication Committee, Chairman: Julian Dumanski
- (5) Financial Committee, Chairman: Liu Xiaoying
- (6) Award committee, Chairman: Duihu Ning

I hope that more and more people will be involved in the committees above, to make contribution to the development of our association.

## **2. The proposed book of “Degradation of Soil and Water Resources: A Global Issue” has made a great progress**

The proposed book of “Degradation of Soil and Water Resources: A Global Issue” (working title) has made a great progress under the support of Dr Ted L. Napier and all co-editors and authors. The primary focus of this book is soil and water degradation resulting from agricultural production. Degradation of soil and water resources has been and will continue to be a very serious

environmental problem throughout the world. Erosion of soil resources has resulted in a significant decline in agricultural productivity and has adversely affected the socio-economic life-styles of billions of people. Continued degradation of soil and water resources will threaten the socio-economic well-being of even greater numbers of people in the future. The proposed text will examine the extent of land degradation in multiple geo-political regions of the world and will assess alternative approaches to address the problems identified. Contributors will assess the nature, extent and consequences of soil and water degradation within specific geo-political regions of the planet. They will summarize existing research literature from physical and social science perspectives and discuss the merits of various approaches. This book will be provided detailed information regarding the state of soil and water degradation, and the public policy approaches that have been employed to address the problem identified will also be discussed.

Until now we have finished 14 reviewed chapters and hopefully the rest chapters will be completely done in the upcoming 2 months.

### **3. The 1st World Conference on Soil and Water Conservation under Global Change (CONSOWA) was held successfully**

With the great contribution of professor Ildefons Pla Sentis and his colleagues, the 1st World Conference on Soil and Water Conservation under Global Change was successfully held from 12-16 June 2017 in Lleida (Spain). As one of the most important event for the field of soil and water conservation, this conference was jointly supported by ISCO, WASWAC, ESSC, IUSS, SWCS, IECA, and WASER. This conference analyzed the present and previewed future situation at worldwide level under the influence of global changes. And also, this conference was positive in strengthening increased collaboration for all the related societies, this allow these associations to reach their goals more efficiently. For the future further collaboration, during this conference, a proposal, called “Lleida declaration” was formed and released.



Some participants in the field trip

#### **4. WASWAC Council Meeting was held during CONSOWA**

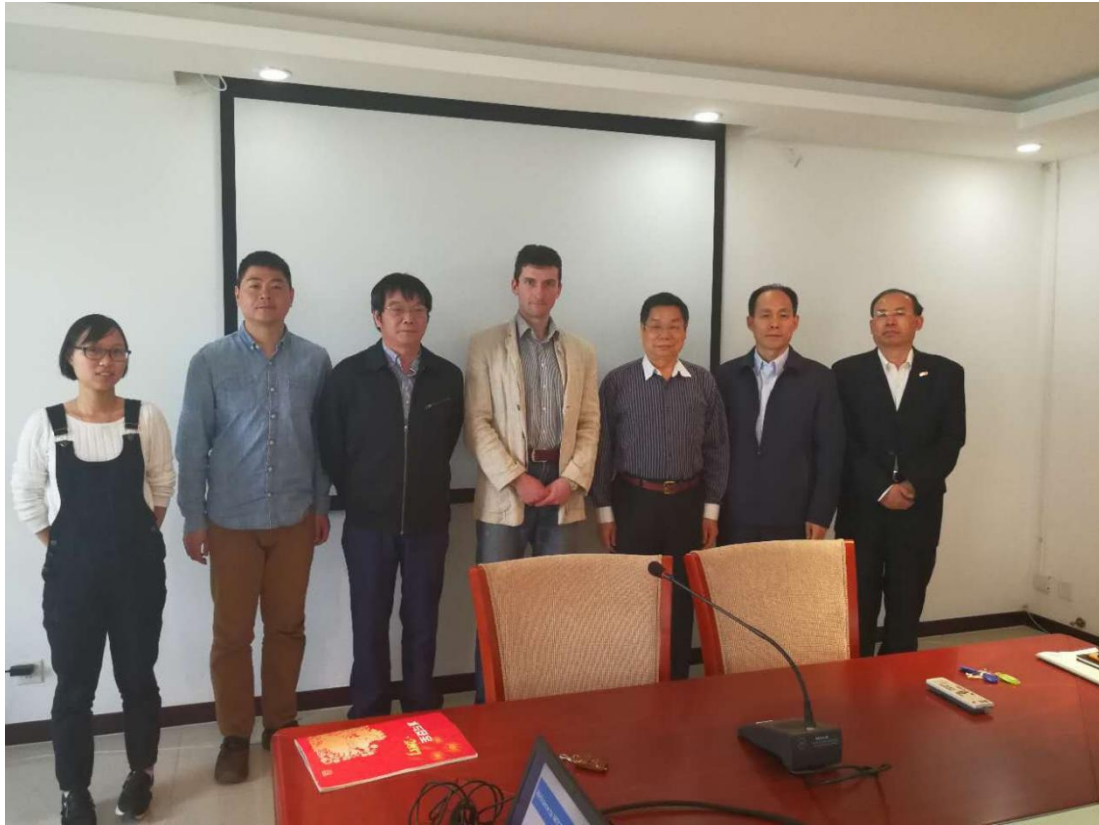
WASWAC Council meeting was held on 12th of June in Lleida, Spain during CONSOWA. Councilors attended CONSOWA were all attended this meeting. Prof. Duihu Ning, the Secretary General of WASWAC, presented a brief introduction of WASWAC council progresses since WASWAC World Conference III, which was held in August, 2016. Dr Mark Nearing, Editor in Chief of ISWCR, gave a brief report on our official Journal. Prof. Valentin Golosov announced that the Second International Youth Forum on Soil and Water Conservation (2nd IYFSWC) will be held on 27-31 August 2018 in Moscow. President Li Rui reported the progress of Fourth World Conference preparing, which will be held jointly with the ISCO-20 in New Delhi, India in 2019.



WASWAC Council meeting

**5. The preparation for the second international Youth Forum on Soil and Water Conservation (2nd IYFSWC) was going smoothly**

The 2nd IYFSWC is aimed to be held in Moscow in the summer of 2018. On April 17, Dr. Sergey R. Chalov, from the Faculty of Geography, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia, visited the secretariat of WASWAC, to discuss details about the coming event. After this discussion, the official forum website was designed and the first-round flyer was released. To encourage early-career scientists to contribute to soil and water conservation in the world, the Outstanding Youth Paper Award will be continued in this forum. This means that at most 10 authors who submitted paper in excellent quality will be evaluated to receive this award. We welcome all our members to take this opportunity to attend this meaningful event in August 27-31, 2018.

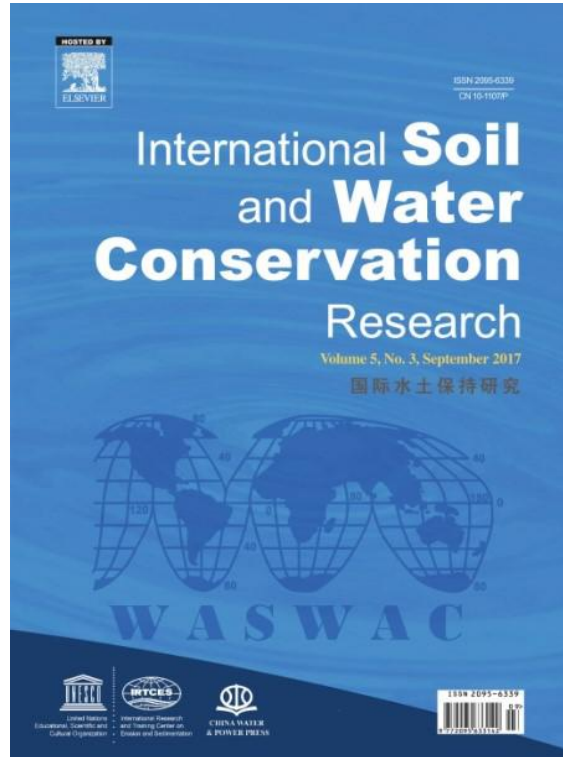


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#### **6. WASWAC official Journal ISWCR is indexed in ESCI**

After the establishment of new Editor Board, Chaired by Dr Mark Nearing, International Soil and Water Conservation Research (ISWCR), the WASWAC official Journal, has made a lot of progress. Recently the Journal has been selected in Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) according to the notification from Clarivate Analytics on Oct. 19, 2017. The indexing and abstracting begin from V. 3(1) 2015. This is a good news for all of us, thanks for the support from our all councilors, advisers, members, and especially for the editorial board of ISWCR. I believe that we will make the progress to be indexed by SCI(E) very soon under the continuous support from all of you. So far, the abstracting and indexing list for ISWCR are renewed including Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), SCOPUS, Chinese Science Citation Database (CSCD), and Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).





The cover of ISWCR

### **7. ISWCR held an administrative meeting in Beijing**

On December 6, 2018, the International Soil and Water Conservation Research (ISWCR) held a special administrative meeting in Beijing. The meeting was mainly initiated and chaired by Dr. Mark Nearing, the editor-in-chief of the Journal, who had been invited by the Journal hosted organization (IRTCES) for a two week visiting in China for organizing the meeting. Prof. Li Rui, the President of WASWAC, Mr. Ning, Duihu, the deputy director of IRTCES, Prof. Tingwu Lei, the editor-in-chief the Journal and Prof. Hongwei Fang, the associated editor of the Journal attended the Meeting. There were also represents from China Water Power Press, Clarivate, and KeAi Communications, Co. Ltd. The executive editor of the Journal Dr. Paige Chyu had summarized the journal performance in recent years. Project manager Mr. Paul Du from Clarivate had given a presentation about above and beyond Editorial and Journal Manger Ms. Chai Zhao from KeAi Communication had a presentation about how KeAi supports the Journal Development. During the meeting, all participants involved in intensive and in-depth discussion regarding to the performance, scientific standard, working flow, promotion solutions, and marketing strategies for further development of Journal.



The administrative meeting of ISWCR

#### **8. Project “Global soil erosion evaluation” was set up this year**

Global soil erosion evaluation, as a special research project undertaken by WASWAC and Institute of Soil and Water Conservation of CAS & MWR, was set up by the State key laboratory of soil erosion and dryland farming on the loess plateau (China) on October 22, 2017. This project is aimed to establish the global soil erosion database through collecting recent environmental data that influenced soil erosion; to finish the series global soil erosion maps and to evaluate the global soil erosion risk on the basis of investigation, model, and remote sensing/GIS; to analyze global soil erosion distribution and characteristics; to reveal the relationships between global change and main factors to influence the spatial variation; and to provide support for the treatment of soil erosion. This project will be very meaningful not only for the theory and methods on evaluating soil erosion in regional scales, but also for drawing up the strategies to control soil erosion in global scale.



The kick-off meeting of global soil erosion evaluation

### **9. The Upgraded WASWAC website is established**

The WASWAC website was upgraded successfully this year. As our official website was damage seriously attacked by the hacker(s) in the beginning of 2017, so this edition was introduced much safer technologies to protect our data. All related information has been uploaded to our new website, we hope much more news would be possible provided by our members over the world in the future. It is a good platform to share with all our members.





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- WASWAC Hot News 2006-3, 88pp.
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As I have known the 9 terms above mentioned are only part of our work, many efforts and contributions made by all councilors and members are not included, such as Dr Ron Reicosky and Mr Roberto Peiretti on conservation agriculture, Professor José Luis Rubio on international cooperation, Dr Ian Hannam on Soil conservation law, Professor Suraj Bhan on the preparing the forth WASWAC World Conference, Dr Panos Panagos on the global soil erosion research, etc.

In the year of 2018, we will continue to make efforts to WASWAC progress. We will organize the 2nd IYFSWC in Moscow during August 27-31, 2018, and make the preparation for the 4th WASWAC World Conference, which will be held in New Delhi, India, in November 5-9, 2019. I hope that I can see all of you in such important occasions.

Finally, with the arrival of 2018, hope our all members all the joys of happiness throughout the prosperous New Year.

Best wishes to you for 2018,

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