

84 years ISSS-IUSS

The ISSS was founded in 1924 by, mainly, European agro-pedologists who were interested in establishing standardised methods of soil analysis and soil classification. In total, 17 international congresses were organized by the ISSS in the past 78 years and eight of these congresses were held in Europe. Commissions, Subcommissions, Working Groups and Standing Committees have been established, which deal with virtually all aspects of soil research and management. Number of members increased from around 550 after WWII to over 7000 in 1998. Almost 60% of the members are from North America and Western Europe. Large differences were found in the number of soil scientists and ISSS / International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) members in relation to the total population and agricultural land area.

One of the important contributions of the ISSS has been the Soil Map of the World, which was prepared in the 1960s and 1970s. The ISSS has also been active in dissemination and publication of scientific results through periodicals and cooperating journals.

In 1998, the ISSS was restructured into the IUSS following upon its admission as a Union member of the International Council for Science (ICSU) in 1993.

On 20 August 2002, the IUSS Council accepted JSS – J Soils & Sediments as a cooperating journal of IUSS, on the occasion of the *17th World Congress of Soil Science, 14 – 21 August 2002 in Bangkok*.

From time to time, some news reports (1-2 pages) on the relevant major events of IUSS during the World Congress of Soil Science held every 4 years and between the Congresses may be published in the journal after consulting with the Editor-in-Chief (Soils). The next World Congress of Soil Science will be held during 1-6 August 2010 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

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