



# International Union of Soil Sciences

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In order to involve soil science scientists through their direct participation in the soil science educational and awareness-raising processes of future citizens of the world, the following joined FAO-IUSS contest will be launched. The aim of the educative project “THE IUSS GOES TO THE SCHOOL” is *to really direct children’s attention to the SOIL*; and developing education programs and materials for children and youth is a priority task for the FAO-GSP. Hence, FAO and IUSS launch a contest to produce a book for children and teenagers with the theme proposed by FAO-GSP for the WSD 2020: **“Keep soil alive, protect soil biodiversity”**. This join activity between FAO and IUSS will be promoted through their social media resources.

The objectives of the contest are to: (1) Promote scientific knowledge and give visibility to the importance of soil biodiversity; (2) Raise awareness of the urgency of protecting soil biodiversity; (3) Stimulate educational activities, engagement and participation of young people and schools in soil science.

The information and bases can be consulted at: La información y bases pueden se consultadas in: <https://www.iuss.org/newsroom/> and <http://www.fao.org/world-soil-day/bookcontest/en/>

I ask for your kind help to get this information to every corner of your countries and to the hands of all the members of your Societies, and to encourage your participation.

ATENTAMENTE

Dra. Laura Bertha Reyes Sánchez

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