



Education in Soil Science: the Italian approach

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Abstract

The Italian Society of Soil Science (SISS) was founded in Florence on February 18th, 1952.

It is an association legally acknowledged by Decree of the President of the Italian Republic in February 1957.

The Society is member of the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS) and collaborates with several companies, institutions and organizations having similar objectives or policy aspects.

SISS promotes progress, coordination and dissemination of soil science and its applications encouraging relationships and collaborations among soil lovers.

Within the SISS there are Working Groups and Technical Committees for specific issues of interest. In particular:

- the Working Group on Pedotechniques;
- the Working Group on Hydromorphic and Subaqueous Soils and
- the Technical Committee for Soil Education and Public Awareness.

In this communication we wish to stress the activities developed since its foundation by SISS to spread soil awareness and education in Italy through this last Technical Committee, focusing also the aspect concerning grants for young graduates and PhD graduates to stimulate the involvement of young people in the field of soil science.

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