ARE YOU A WORLD SOIL CHAMPION?

15,000 USD and the Glinka Medal are waiting for the next winner!

Konstantin Glinka (1867-1927) was a Russian soil scientist, credited for his study on the geographical distribution of soils.

The Prize is an annual award addressed to Global Soil Partnership members, individuals or organizations committed to solving acute national, regional or local problems of soil degradation.

Who can apply
If you have made outstanding achievements in the promotion of sustainable soil management and the protection of soils in line with the aim and pillars of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP).

Are you working on
- Assessing, mapping and monitoring the status/trends of soil properties and functions
- Supporting soil governance and developing legal/regulatory tools for SSM
- Implementing SSM practices at farm, national and regional scales
- Implementing novel targeted soil research
- Developing innovative solutions to enhance soil health
- Managing soil knowledge for policy-making processes

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How to apply

FAO members, GSP designated focal points and GSP partners are invited to nominate candidates, either directly or on behalf of a third party. (Self-nominations are not allowed).

If you think you are an eligible candidate propose your nomination to the GSP country focal point or to the closest GSP partner.

Nomination form and further information on the prize are available on the GSP website:


For any queries, contact the gsp-secretariat@fao.org

Selection process

Shortlisted candidates are assessed by the selection committee of the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils and the 9 Regional Soil Partnerships in October. The laureate is informed in due time and invited to Rome to deliver a key note presentation during the World Soil Day celebration.

The award

The Glinka Prize comes in the form of:

• Gold-plated medal;
• USD 15 000 cheque;
• Awarding ceremony on World Soil Day (5th December);
• International recognition is given to the champion;
• Photo-reportage through GSP website and social media.

The GSP of the FAO was established by member countries in December 2012 as an interactive mechanism to promote SSM at all levels and to position soils in the global agenda.

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