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## Taking care of soils since 1924: introducing the IUSS Centennial Celebration

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Rappresentanza Permanente d'Italia  
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E DELLE FORESTE



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*In 1924 the IUSS, International Union of Soil Sciences, was founded in Rome, inspired by David Lubin. In 2024 the Centennial, will be celebrated in Florence this coming May 19/21, with one-of-a-kind congress.*

*More than 1.500 scientists from all over the world are expected to come, with more than 100 parallel sessions, 1431 abstracts submitted and more than 100 young scientists who applied for the grants.*

*This event, supported by international and Italian Institutions introduces the Centennial Congress, raising awareness on the importance of soil for the life of our planet and on the ever-growing need of soil sciences for effective policies.*

**16:30 Greetings**

- **Dr. Lifeng Li** | Director Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **H.E. Alexandra Valkenburg** | Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the EU to the UN Organisations in Rome, EU Delegation to the Holy See, the Order of Malta, UN Organisations in Rome and to the Republic of San Marino
- **H. E. Bruno Archi** | Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in Rome
- **Prof. Giuseppe Corti** | Head of the IUSS Secretariat - CREA

**16:52 Soils: emerging global challenges**

**Prof. Xiaoyuan Yan** | Institute of Soil Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Secretary General of the Soil Science Society of China (VTC)

**16:59 The role of soils in achieving the three Rio Conventions and the Sustainable Development Goals**

**Dr. Yusuf Yigini** | Land and Water Technical Officer, Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

**17:07 Soil management: the Italian stakeholder contribution**

**Dr. Filiberto Altobelli** | Focal Point Italian Soil Partnership - CREA

**17:14 Soil & Media: a global outlook**

**Dr. Lucia Martinez Teran** | Living City Magazine of the Focolare movement  
**Dr. Dalia Abdel Salam** | Chief Editor Nature Middle East (VTC)

**17:21 Stakeholders contributions - Soil: a source of life**

**Mons. Vincenzo Paglia** | President, Pontifical Academy for life

**17:27 IUSS: taking care of soils since 1924**

Video trailer

**17:30 "Caring hands"**

**Prof. Domenico Boscia** | renown Italian artist, offers his masterpiece made especially for the IUSS Centennial

**17:35 Final greetings**

**Prof. Giuseppe Corti** | Head of the IUSS Secretariat - CREA

**Moderator:** **Dr. Irene Fabbri** | IUSS Secretariat Office Manager

**17:40 Cocktail**

