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Working Group Meetings **International Network** **on Soil Biodiversity** NETSOB

7-10 February 2022 | 14:00 hrs CET

Working Group 2

Scientific committee

Results of the selection process of the WG-2 Scientific Committee



22 Candidates, 15 countries

Working group	Name	Surname	Country
2	Eric	Blanchart	France
2	Jay Prakash	Verma	India
2	Hamada	Abdelrahman	Egypt
2	Roy	Neilson	Scotland
2	Pitchamuthu	Senthilvalavan	India
2	Carlos	Garbisu	Spain
2	Lisa	Lumley	Canada
2	Narayan	Solanke	India
2	Carolina	Masin	Argentina
2	Burhanuddin	Rasyid	Indonesia
2	Oğuz Can	Turgay	Turkey
2	Eric	Blanchart	France
2	Jay Prakash	Verma	India

Working group(s)	Name	Surname	Country
1,2	Javier	Peris	Switzerland
1,2	Saeed	Karbin	Iran
1,2	Maria	Hernandez-Soriano	United Kingdom
1,2	Miriam	Muñoz-Rojas	Australia
1,2	Katalin	Szlavec	Hungary
2,4	Maria	Minor	New Zealand
1,2,3,4	Brajesh	Singh	Australia
1,2,3	Neha	Bhandari	India
1,2,3	Neelam	Jain	India

Selection process criteria

- Complete candidate file (CV + letter of intent)
- CV analysis => experience in a range of soil biota
- Geographical representation (as best as possible)
- Gender balance (3 + 3)
- Experience balance (early, mid and late career)

Results

Eric Blanchart

Institute of Research for Development (France / Madagascar)

- Macrofauna functions in tropical soils (Madagascar)
- Role of earthworms in soil structure
- Restoration of ecosystem function
- Agroecology / agroecosystems
- Organic inputs to improve soil ecological functions



Results

Miriam Muñoz-Rojas

UNSW Sydney (Australia)

- Land capability and soil degradation
- Ecosystem function
- Environmental management and rehabilitation
- Natural resource management
- Microbial ecology



Results

Roy Neilson

James Hutton Institute (Scotland)

- Integrated pest management (IPM) strategies to mitigate the impacts of soil-borne disease on cropping systems
- Food security and sustainable production
- Sustainable farm and land management
- Soil biodiversity loss due to soil erosion



Results

Hamada Abdelrahman

Cairo University (Egypt)

- Soil remediation
- Sustainable soil fertility management
- Soil organic carbon responses to land use
- Nutrient management in organic farms
- Organic growing media and greenhouse production
- Utility of biochar and composting amendments





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