



SOIL CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF CANADA CONSEIL CANADIEN DE CONSERVATION DES SOLS

*The face and voice of soil conservation in Canada
Le visage et la voix de la conservation des sols au Canada*

The Soil Conservation Council of Canada (SCCC), established in 1987 has a successful history as the face and voice of soil conservation in Canada. The SCCC has created a broad network of stakeholders with interest in the agricultural landscape that provides a strong national base to advocate for and take actions on soil conservation and health in Canada.

In order to maintain a healthy organization that provides value to all its stakeholders the SCCC has undertaken a review of what we do and how we do it. We will play a stronger role in bringing governments, private industry, individuals and non-government organizations together to discuss current issues and solutions pertaining to soil conservation and health and sustaining the agricultural landscape. We will also continue to help stakeholders disseminate information and technology that supports sustainable land management practices and production systems.

Going forward, the key challenge for SCCC will be to bring national leadership to soil conservation and health. We believe it is critical that soil management and agricultural production systems are used in all regions of Canada to ensure

the sustainability of our soil resources for future generations. SCCC's network of members and partners provides a unique opportunity to understand the national and regional challenges and issues of soil conservation and health across the country and represent them to decision makers in government and industry. Conversely, that network can be utilized to disseminate information and solutions back to producers, conservation practitioners and others working on the agricultural landscape.

SCCC's national and global network of partners was key to the success of the 6th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture (WCCA). SCCC and our partners hosted this event in 2014 which attracted over 400 people from 49 countries including United States, Australia, India, South Africa, Brazil, Tunisia and Ethiopia. It was an exceptional opportunity to showcase Canada as a world leader in the adoption of sustainable practices, such as direct seeding, science, innovation and high quality agricultural production and to learn from others around the world.

The upcoming Summit on Canadian Soil Health is another example of how the Council will play a leading role in advocating for soil conservation

and health. This SCCC hosted event will be held in conjunction with GrowCanada in December 2015 and will bring leaders in Canadian agriculture together to discuss a variety of issues of importance to the industry. SCCC will use this opportunity to highlight soil conservation and health as key issues in the future of Canadian agriculture.

The Summit will open with a luncheon and keynote address by Dr. David Montgomery, University of Washington, Seattle. Dr. Montgomery is author of the best seller "Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations". He will speak about the soil use and abuse from ancient times to present day and how we can avoid the fate of previous civilizations.

In the afternoon sessions presentations and discussions will lead to identifying current key issues of soil conservation and health in Canada. The summit will conclude with a "Call to Action" on how we can respond to today's challenges to our soil resource. For more information visit us at www.soilcc.ca.

The legacy and vision continues.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE **SUMMIT ON CANADIAN SOIL HEALTH**

**Digging Into the State of Canada's Soils –
The Link Between Healthy Soil and Sustainable Crop Production**

Tuesday, December 1ST, 2015

11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary, Alberta

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