Dear representatives of the national soil science societies,

This is your chance to become involved in the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) and shape its future in the years 2022 to 2026. The IUSS is the global union of soil scientists, and has participation from some 130 countries involving some 50 000 soil scientists. The IUSS Mission is to promote the scientific and life-sustaining importance of soil to humankind, and to support and enhance the discipline of soil science globally. The scientific activities of the IUSS are organized by the Divisions, Commissions and Working Groups.

**We are seeking nominations for all Division and Commission positions except Division vice-chairs**, and a description of the Divisions is given [here](https://www.iuss.org/organisation-people/organisation/divisons/), of the Commissions [here](https://www.iuss.org/organisation-people/organisation/commissions/).

The description of the specific duties and functions of Divisions and Commission officers is attached.

**IUSS Full Members** (national soil science societies who paid the membership fees) **are encouraged to participate in this call making strong efforts to seek and nominate candidates to the Divisional Nominating Committees.** Nominees can be nominated for only one position. Candidates to be nominated cannot be members of the Divisional Nominating Committees.

**Please send in your nominations before 30 April 2021.** Each nomination should include the position, a 100 words biography and homepage URL, if available.

It should be sent to:

   Positions in Division 1: Erika Micheli at [micheli.erika@uni-mate.hu](mailto:micheli.erika@uni-mate.hu)

   Positions in Division 2: Ryusuke Hatano at [hatano@chem.agr.hokudai.ac.jp](mailto:hatano@chem.agr.hokudai.ac.jp)

   Positions in Division 3: Bal Ram Singh at [balram.singh@nmbu.no](mailto:balram.singh@nmbu.no)

   Positions in Division 4: Damien Field at [damien.field@sydney.edu.au](mailto:damien.field@sydney.edu.au)

The timeline is as follows:

   30 April 2021                  - call for nominations ends

     2 June 2021                   - list of candidates and their biographies available

     1 September 2021       - voting system will open

   31 December 2021        - voting system will close

   28 February 2022          - announcement of new IUSS officers

**We look forward to receiving your nomination!**

Best regards,

Sigbert Huber

Secretariat of International Union of Soil Sciences