

MINUTES of Business Meeting ESAFS 2022

23 August 2022 on 18:00-19:00

The Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Chairman: President of ESAFS, Dr. Rosazlin Abdullah

Record: Asst. Secretary of ESAFS, Dr. Adibah Mohd Amin

The business meeting of the 15th ESAFS Conference 2022 was held at the Tun Sri Lanang 1, Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur on 23 August 2022 (18:00-19:00), with the ESAFS committee consisted of President and/or representative of ESAFS member societies.

The minutes of the meeting are as below:

Attendee of member societies (15 persons)

1. Rosazlin Abdullah (President of ESAFS; President, Malaysian Society of Soil Science)
2. Adibah Mohd Amin (Assistant Secretary of ESAFS; Secretary General, Malaysian Society of Soil Science)
3. Shamim Al Mamun (Representative, Soil Science Society of Bangladesh)
4. Jing Che (Representative, Soil Science Society of China)
5. Budi Mulyanto (President, Indonesian Soil Science Society)
6. Junta Yanai (Representative, Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition)
7. Pil Joo Kim (President, Korean Society of Soil Science and Fertilizer)
8. Dipak Ranjan Biswas (President, Indian Society of Soil Science)
9. Keshav R Adhikari (President, Nepalese Society of Soil Science)
10. Artemio A. Martin Jr. (President, Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology)
11. Udaya W.A. Vitharana (President, Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka)
12. Audthasit Wongmaneroj (Representative, Soil and Fertilizer Society of Thailand)
13. Suphachai Amkha (Representative, Soil and Fertilizer Society of Thailand)
14. Nguyen The Hung (Representative, Vietnam Society of Soil Science)
15. Masanori Saito (Representative, ESAFS Support Office)

Approval of previous minutes

1. The 15th International Conference of ESAFS will be held in Kuala Lumpur in 2022.
2. Dr. Kazuyuki Inubushi was elected as the medalist of 7th ESAFS Award.

Agenda

1. Production and sharing a video movie of a soil profile

Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition (President: Prof. Dr. Keishi Senoo), The Chinese Society of Soil and Fertilizer Sciences (President: Prof. Dr. Yu-Min Tzou), Malaysian Society of Soil Science (President: Dr. Rosazlin Abdullah), and Union of Soil Sciences Division 4 Commission 4.4, would like to propose to start producing a video related to a soil profile in order to introduce the importance of soil supporting life on earth. Sharing the video move together with members belonging to the ESAFS would facilitate shared and common understanding of soil among the members. ESAFS members are encouraged to participate this initiative and submit the videos from December 5, 2021 to December 5, 2022. The video will be uploaded to the homepage of the ESAFS support office (<https://www.esafs-support.com/>)

2. Next host of ESAFS conference

Chairman informed that the Vietnam Soil Science Society has proposed for hosting the 16th ESAFS in November 2024. Members accepted the nomination and requested President's representative, Prof. Dr. Nguyen The Hung to present the society's preparations to be the next host. After his presentation, the proposal of the Vietnam Society of Soil Science to host the 16th International Conference of ESAFS in November, 2024 was approved in the business meeting.

After the approval of the 16th ESAFS in 2024, chairman explained the potential willingness of the Nepalese Society of Soil Science from Prof. Dr. Keshav R Adhikari and Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition from Prof. Dr. Junta Yanai for the future host of ESAFS. Prof. Dr. Junta Yanai presents the society's preparation to host 17th International Conference of ESAFS in 2027 in conjunction with 100th Anniversary of Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition. Nepalese Society of Soil Science will present the proposal in the next business meeting.

It was approved that both Nepalese Society of Soil Science and Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition become potential candidates to host the 17th ESAFS. The host will be finally determined at the business meeting of the 16th ESAFS. ESAFS Members agreed the 17th ESAFS will be organized in odd year which is year 2027 so that does not overlap with WCSS, which will be held every four even years.

3. Election of ESAFS Award

Chairman called for nominations from member societies for the ESAFS Award 2022 by e-mail message. Chairman informed that we received 3 nominees from Chinese Society of Soil and Fertilizer Sciences, Soil Science Society of China and Malaysian Society of Soil Science, namely, Prof. Dr. Zeng-Yei Hseu, Prof. Dr. Renfang Shen and Prof. Dr. Shamshuddin Jusop,

respectively. Members accepted all nominations and chairman present the candidate backgrounds. Secret ballot was conducted and Prof. Dr. Shamshuddin Jusop was elected as the recipient of 8th ESAFS Award 2022 according to the voting result. This award was presented to Dr. Shamshuddin Jusop at the banquet on 23 August 2022.

4. Any other business

Prof. Dr. Udaya W.A. Vitharana, President, Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka and Prof. Dr. Artemio A. Martin Jr. (Representative, Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology) suggest ESAFS to publish good research papers from the conference in the ESAFS Journal.

Prof. Dr. Udaya W.A. Vitharana, President, Soil Science Society of Sri Lanka and Prof. Dr. Budi Mulyanto, President, Indonesian Soil Science Society suggests having ESAFS business meeting via online, in addition to the current physical meeting to discuss the progress of soil science activities.

Prof. Dr. Jing Che, Representative, Soil Science Society of China hope that ESAFS members will support and attend World Congress of Soil Science 2026 in Nanjing, China.

Prof. Dr. Pil Joo Kim, President, Korean Society of Soil Science and Fertilizer suggest that to invite and encourage other countries to participate as ESAFS members.

Prof. Dr. Keshav R Adhikari, President, Nepalese Society of Soil Science suggest organizing visiting programme for networking building among the ESAFS countries.

Dr. Rosazlin Abdullah, President of Malaysian Society of Soil Science, briefly suggest having a dedicated newsletter column on the website of ESAFS.

Prof. Dr. Masanori Saito, Representative of the ESAFS Support Office, briefly introduced the homepage on the website of ESAFS: <https://www.esafs-support.com/>, and called members in offering information from all member societies

The Business Meeting of ESAFS 2022 adjourned at 19:00.



Dr. Rosazlin Abdullah

President of the East and Southeast Asia Federation of Soil Science Societies , 2019-2022

Photos During Business Meeting ESAFS 2022



