"Soil Science: The Centre of It All"

Joint Annual Meetings for the Canadian Society of Soil Science, Canadian Society of Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, and the Manitoba Society of Soil Science Winnipeg, Manitoba - July 22-25, 2013

Plenary Session

The conference will open up on Tuesday morning with an enthusiastic "dream team" of plenary speakers that will address a variety of topics that describe the relationship between soils and the atmospheric and aquatic environments. The four invited speakers that have agreed to share their perspectives on this issue include:

April Leytem, USDA-ARS Scientist, Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Lab, Kimberley, Idaho. April's presentation will focus on "**Effects of soil processes on air and water quality.**" Given her outstanding work in the agricultural nutrient losses to surface water, as well as atmospheric emissions from livestock operations, April's career is a living testament to the conference theme. For more information about April, go to: http://www.ars.usda.gov/pandp/people/people.htm?personid=22294

Henry Janzen, AAFC Research Scientist, Lethbridge Research Centre. The title for Henry's plenary presentation is "**Impacts of land management on the atmosphere ... and vice versa.**" Henry is highly regarded nationally and internationally for his work on greenhouse gases, climate change and agricultural sustainability in general. For more information about Henry, go to: http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1181941018812&lang=eng

Phil Haygarth, Professor, Lancaster University and President of the British Society of Soil Science. Phil's plenary talk is on "Effects of agricultural land management on water quality." In addition to a large number of research papers and book chapters on this subject, Phil is also author and co-editor of the CAB International book, "Agriculture, Hydrology and Water Quality." For more information about Phil, go to: http://www.lec.lancs.ac.uk/people/phil_haygarth ... or view his enthusiastic YouTube video on the importance of soils ... http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBbtAuAKPYw

Satish Gupta, Professor, University of Minnesota. The title for Satish's plenary presentation is "Climate and land management effects on river discharge and water quality." Satish has lead a wide variety of research projects related to soil, water and nutrient management including recent work that traces a large proportion of suspended sediment in water bodies to stream and river channels, not agricultural fields. For more information about Satish, go to: http://www.swac.umn.edu/People/SatishGupta/index.htm