

DATES AND DEADLINES

April 13, 2012: Golden Opportunities Scholars application deadline. (details below).

April 19, 2012: Early abstract submission deadline. Abstract submission fees increase \$20 per abstract after this date, effective April 20, 2012. <http://scisoc.confex.com/scisoc/2012am/index.html>

April 30, 2012: Application for S06 **Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship** are due. (details below).

May 1, 2012: Final abstract submission deadline. Please have your abstracts complete by this date.

May 31, 2012: Applications/nominations for S06 **Graduate Student Award** are due. (details below).

Late June, 2012: Presentation notification. You will be notified of your presentation date and time in late June.

July 25, 2012: Abstract editing deadline. Authors will not be able to access their abstract after this date to make any edits. Please be sure your abstract reflects how it should be printed.

August 17, 2012: Nominations for S06 **Young Scholar award** are due. (details below).

NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Election results. Dr. Tom Sauer, USDA-ARS, National Lab for Agriculture and the Environment, was recently elected as Chair-Elect of Division S06. Congratulations, Tom!

Golden Opportunities (Mentoring): Undergrads: Apply online by **April 13** for our [Golden Opportunity Scholars Institute](#) that connects undergrads with Society mentors, providing financial support to attend our Annual Meetings.

Members: Seeking volunteers to mentor our 2012 scholars: [Learn more & apply online](#) by **April 13**.

Soil and Water Conservation Scholarship. The S06 Soil and Water Conservation scholarship is meant encourage current students to consider a career in soil and water conservation. The student can be a junior or senior in a B.S. program or a M.S. candidate. In all cases, the student must exhibit class room activities, special studies, or work experience in the field of soil and water conservation and be pursuing a degree and career in soil and water conservation. The recipient receives a \$3000 award designed to assist the student with education expenses associated with pursuing a career in soil and water conservation. In addition, \$500 will be awarded to the student awardee's major professor to encourage the continued mentoring of the student in the field of soil and water conservation.

To apply, please submit a one-page, 450 words maximum, vision of the vital efforts required in soil and water conservation to maintain the sustainable production of our agricultural goods and services and to protect the quality of our natural resources. Applications are due to the award committee chair by **April**

30, 2012. The requested materials should be sent to: Dr. Jerry Lemunyon via email at: jerry.lemunyon@ftw.usda.gov

Graduate Student Award. This award is presented each year to a graduate student whose thesis research and graduate responsibilities utilize creative approaches to gain understanding and develop solutions for soil and water conservation and management problems. The recipient's research must be in soil and water management and conservation. The recipient receives a \$350 award designed to assist the student with travel expenses associated with attending the annual SSSA meeting.

To apply, please submit: 1) a one-page summary of current thesis research, 2) a one-page CV, 3) a transcript from current graduate institution, and 4) a reference letter from current major professor/advisor. Nomination or application packages are due to the award committee chair by **May 31, 2012.** The requested materials should be sent to: Dr. Clark J. Gantzer via email at: GantzerC@missouri.edu.

Young Scholar Award. This award recognizes new scientists who have made an outstanding contribution in the area of Soil and Water Management and Conservation. Nominees must have received their Ph.D. within the past seven years.

Please submit your nominations by **August 17, 2012.** Nomination instructions and form can be download from the S06 website. Nominations should be sent to Dr. Mark Liebig via e-mail at: mark.liebig@ars.usda.gov.

Annual Meeting Oral Sessions

- Agricultural Management Practices Impact On Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Pools and Soil Quality Dynamics: I
- Bioenergy Crops and Their Impacts On Crop Production, Soil and Environmental Quality: I
- Cover Crops: Management and Impacts On Agroecosystems and the Environment: I
- General Soil and Water Management and Conservation: I
- Long-Term Maintenance of No-Tillage: I
- Nitrogen-Use Efficiency, Nitrogen Leaching, and Nitrous Oxide Emissions As Influenced by Management Practices: I
- Symposium – Role of Soil Management In Addressing Climate Change: I
- Symposium – Food Security: Conservation, Inputs and Technology (Joint Symposium with Soil and Water Conservation Society)

Annual Meeting Poster Sessions

- Agricultural Management Practices Impact On Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Pools and Soil Quality Dynamics: II
- Bioenergy Crops and Their Impacts On Crop Production, Soil and Environmental Quality: II
- Cover Crops: Management and Impacts On Agroecosystems and the Environment: II
- General Soil and Water Management and Conservation: II
- Improving Agricultural Water Productivity Through Management and Crop Genetics: II

- Long-Term Maintenance of No-Tillage: II
- Nitrogen-Use Efficiency, Nitrogen Leaching, and Nitrous Oxide Emissions As Influenced by Management Practices: II
- Role of Soil Management In Addressing Climate Change: II

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