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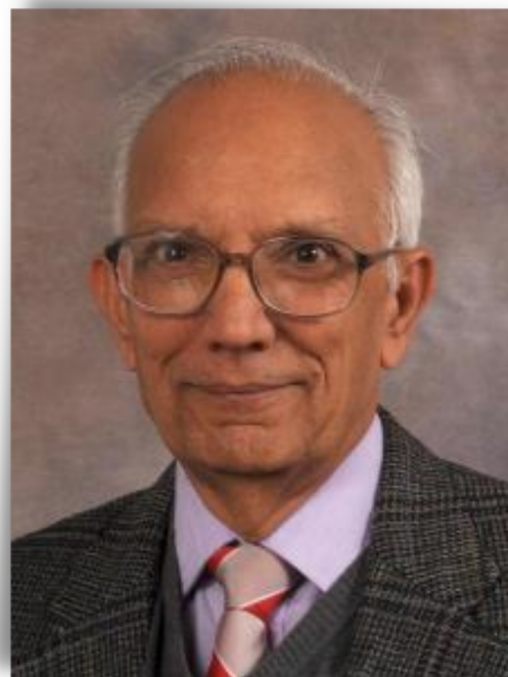
UPCOMING EVENTS

INTRODUCING OUR 2022 WINTER CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. RATTAN LAL

We are pleased to announce Dr. Rattan Lal as our Keynote speaker for our 2022 Conference, "Soil Carbon Storage: Combating Climate Change from the Ground Up". Dr. Lal is a globally renowned soil scientist whose research ranges from regenerative agriculture, soil carbon sequestration, soil restoration, natural resource management, and global food security. Lal received the Glinka World Soil Prize in 2018, World Food Prize in 2020, the Good Will Ambassador of IICA in 2020, and the Padma Shree Award in 2021.

The World Food Prize writes, "Dr. Rattan Lal, native of India and a citizen of the United States, will receive the 2020 World Food Prize for developing and mainstreaming a soil-centric approach to increasing food production that restores and conserves natural resources and mitigates climate change.

Over his career spanning more than five decades and four continents, Dr. Lal has promoted innovative soil-saving techniques benefiting the livelihoods of more than 500 million smallholder farmers, improving the food and nutritional security of more than two billion people and saving hundreds of millions of hectares of natural tropical ecosystems."



Dr. Lal will give the keynote address at our Winter Conference on Friday, March 25, 2022. His presentation will be followed by a Q & A session. Conference registration will begin in early 2022. Visit the conference webpage for up-to-date news and announcements: <https://swcssnec.org/2022-winter>



SOIL CARBON STORAGE: COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE FROM THE GROUND UP

Dr. Lal will be joined by several other professionals that will speak on topics such as blue carbon, carbon credits, climate change mitigation, and agricultural techniques to improve the sequestration of soil carbon. Our other speakers come from a variety of professional backgrounds such as industry, policy, and science. We have representatives from Beals and Thomas Inc, Woodwell Climate Research Center, United States Geological Society, University of Nebraska, and more.

We still have space for more presenters! If you are interested in submitting a proposal or referring a colleague, please email info@swcssnec.org or complete [this form](#). Presentations are 30-40 minutes long, including time for a Q & A forum. The event is virtual (via zoom) and will run from 9-3pm on Friday, March 25, 2022. We will also have a lunchtime trivia session as well as other opportunities for meeting people and networking.

Events like this one are made possible by our sponsors. Interested in supporting our mission to promote, educate and advance all phases of the science of conservation of soil, water, and all related resources? Considering joining us in 2022 and funding our new projects and programs!

CALL FOR PRESENTERS - 77TH SWCS INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) invites the submission of workshops, oral presentations, symposia, and posters for the 77th SWCS International Annual Conference, taking place July 31-August 3, 2022, at the Hilton Denver City Center in Denver, Colorado. This year's conference theme, "Elevating Conservation to New Heights," embraces the mountainous region of the location while emphasizing the shared vision held by conservationists around the world to scale our work, repair ecosystems, and create resilient working lands.

After two years of virtual conferences, this stunning conference location offers an opportunity for the global conservation community to come together and collectively share solutions, combat obstacles, and accelerate conservation efforts. This year's conference will feature the latest ideas, technologies, and practices and foster a dialogue around their scaling. Through workshops, sessions, symposia, tours, exhibits, and demonstrations, cutting-edge research and practice developments in soil health, water quality, and resource management will be shared.

Visit www.swcs.org/22AC to submit a proposal. The deadline for proposal submission is February 16, 2022. If you have questions, contact events@swcs.org



INTERN OPPORTUNITY

Do you have an idea you have been wanting to investigate but haven't had the time, resources, or staff? Do you have data you have been meaning to clean, organize, and/or analyze but haven't gotten around to yet? Is there a topic you have been wanting to know more about but haven't known where to start? If yes, the students in Sustainable Energy Economics & Policy class at the University of Maine may be able to help! Sharon Klein is seeking mentors for service-learning (SL) projects related to sustainable energy (renewable energy, energy efficiency & conservation) for Spring 2022 (January 20-May 3). SL projects bring students and mentors (YOU) together to solve real-world problems. If you are interested, please read [here](#) about the role of a mentor and how to prepare a brief 1-page proposal of your idea. Email sharon.klein@maine.edu with proposal submissions or if you have questions.



JOB POSTINGS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOFA MASS WINTER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 15 & 16, 2022
ONLINE AND ONSITE AT
WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY



NEWEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JANUARY 23-26, 2022
BOSTON, MA
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