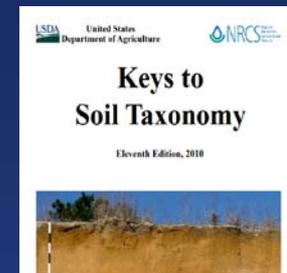


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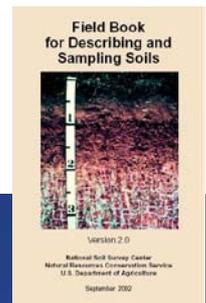
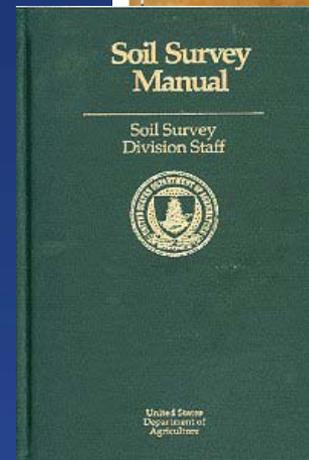
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- Status of Proposals
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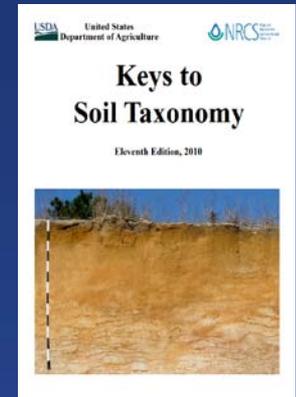
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Soil Taxonomy Proposals

- Changes to Soil Taxonomy since the 2009 NCSS Nat'l Conference
 - Accepted, Published
 - Accepted, Unpublished
 - Current proposals
- Included with conference report



Conference Proposals (2009 +)

- 28 proposals/recommendations
 - 17 Completed
 - 5 redirected
 - 6 working on
- Part of committee report

Committee Recommendation's

- Provide a link on how to propose a change to standards including; minimum documentation, template of what items to address, where to send
- Provide status information on proposals and rationale for decisions.
- Post summary of changes since 2006 on website.
- Possible list server to announce proposals
- soils.usda.gov

ICOMANTH

J. Galbraith



- History since 1995 (7 circulars)
- Brought us terms such as:
 - Human (Altered and) Transported materials “^”
 - Manufactured layers (Master “M”)
 - Artifacts “u”
- Details of proposed revisions

ICOMANTH

- Final report - Proposal
 - add Anthropogenic Taxa, not been included in earlier proposals; for review and testing.
 - Taxa proposed is at the Subgroup and Family levels in Taxonomy
- Posted as a proposal for review on the NSSC soil taxonomy proposals website
- For more information go directly to ICOMANTH website @ <http://clic.cses.vt.edu/ICOMANTH/>

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Committee Recommendations

- Recommend that members of the regional standards committees review the proposal with intent of discussing at 2012 regional meetings.
- Recommend that ongoing surveys in urban (human altered) areas test the definitions, criteria and taxonomy proposals with intent to discuss at the 2012 regional meetings.

Universal Soil Classification

- IUSS working group
- All Continents represented
- Several Task groups developed
- Next meeting at SSSA meetings in October, San Antonio, TX

USC

Committee Recommendations

- Sign up for the IUSS newsletter
- Visit website for information
- Look for opportunities to get involved if interested.
- IUSS Soil Classification meeting workshop in Lincoln, June 10-15, 2012

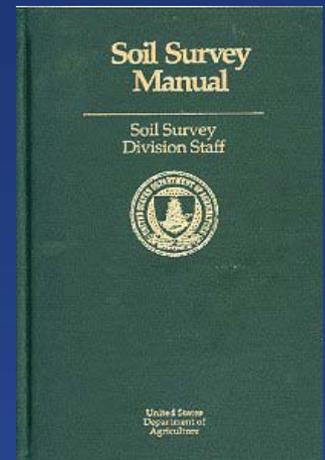
Presentation

Dr. Einar Ebarhardt, Hanover Germany

- Shared challenges of classifying soils using algorithms from stored data, and comparing with field classifications
- WRB system –
- Guides and manuals need to be coordinated with criteria in Taxonomies.

Soil Survey Manual

- Discussed the need to update chapters of the Soil Survey Manual that are out of date
- Agreed that the SSM should be maintained as a primary NCSS standard
- Valuable document worldwide.



Soil Survey Manual

Committee recommendations

- NSSC Standards staff develop a plan
 - Determine which topics to incorporated/woven into SSM or a new chapter/guide.
- Look to utilize cooperators or partners to co-author and review.
- Look for proposed changes to SSM chapters 3 and 6, (NSSC website -proposed changes to SSM).

