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*Discussion Groups on Revised
World Reference Base for Soil Resources*

Dear WRB correspondent

In follow up of the General WRB Meeting held in Petrozavodsk, in August 2004, a review of WRB has been undertaken and proposals for changes made in order to produce a fully revised WRB document for the 18th IUSS Congress that will be held in Philadelphia in July 2006.

The WRB Board wishes to submit these proposals to the soil science community in general and to you as a dedicated WRB forum member to receive comments and constructive criticism to improve this first draft of part of the revised document.

In the present discussion we are particularly concerned about the definition of the Reference Soil Groups and their place in the Key.

In order to do so FAO has established discussion group sites on the Internet that will deal with sets of subjects and Reference Soil Groups where you can send your comments.

The following groups have been established with one or two moderators for each:

WRB-Descriptions

Dealing with Guidelines of Soil Profile Description in support of WRB

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Descriptions>

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WRB-Anthrotechnosols

Dealing with Anthrosols and Technosols

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Anthrotechnosols>

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WRB-ArgicSoils

Dealing with Luvisols Lixisols Alisols Acrisols and Albeluvisols

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Argicsoils>

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WRB-Calcidurigypsisol

Dealing with Calcisols Durisols and Gypsisols

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WRB-Cambiumbrisols

Dealing with Cambisols and Umbrisols

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WRB-Chernkastaphaeozem

Dealing with Chernozems, Kastanozems and Phaeozems

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Chernkastaphaeozem>

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WRB-Ferralplinthinitisol

Dealing with Ferralsols, Plinthisols and Nitisols

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WRB-Fieldmethods

Dealing with Field methods in support of WRB

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WRB-Fluvisols

Dealing with Fluvisols, Gleysols and Planosols

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Fluvisols>

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WRB-Histosols

Dealing with Histosols and Cryosols

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Histosols>

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WRB-Podzols

Dealing with Podzols and Andosols

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Podzols>

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WRB-Regosols

Dealing with Regosols Leptosols and Arenosols

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Regosols>

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WRB-Solonchaks

Dealing with Solonchaks and Solonchaks

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WRB-Vertisols

Dealing with Vertisols

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WRB-Locallegends

Dealing with WRB as a base for local legends

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Locallegends>

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WRB-Keyrational

Dealing with the rationale for the Key to WRB Soil reference Groups

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Keyrational>

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The task for all of us is to contribute to the groups or subjects we have a special interest in or knowledge of. The basic text needed for the discussion was prepared by Otto Spaargaren (ISRIC) in consultation with the Steering Committee and is available from .

http://www.fao.org/landandwater/agll/wrb/doc/WRB_Key_2006.doc or goto

<http://www.fao.org/landandwater/agll/wrb/news.stm> and goto Key of the Major Reference Groups

all changes proposed in this document as compared to the World Reference Base published (available: http://www.fao.org/documents/show_cdr.asp?url_file=/docrep/W8594E/W8594E00.htm) are marked in red in this document.

In order to subscribe to one or more of the groups do the following:

Subscribing:

To join the list, send a blank message to: [join-WRB-\[groupname\]@dgroups.org](mailto:join-WRB-[groupname]@dgroups.org), for example: join-WRB-Anthrotechnosols@dgroups.org

Unsubscribing:

To leave the list, send a blank message to [leave-WRB-\[groupname\]@dgroups.org](mailto:leave-WRB-[groupname]@dgroups.org), for example: leave-WRB-Anthrotechnosols@dgroups.org

Posting to the List:

Send messages to: [WRB-\[groupname\]@dgroups.org](mailto:WRB-[groupname]@dgroups.org), for example: WRB-Anthrotechnosols@dgroups.org

Open discussion list website:

[http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-\[groupname\]](http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-[groupname]), for example:

<http://www.dgroups.org/groups/fao/WRB-Anthrotechnosols>

The moderator of your group will add your name to the list and you will be informed that you can now post messages, sent documents and read comments from others on the same subject.

The discussion will in principle go on until the **15th of March 2005**, after which the moderators will submit a report on the groups discussion to the WRB Board and Otto will then incorporate all agreed changes in the revised text. We kindly ask the moderators to have that reports ready by March 31st. These reports should comprise the respective parts of the key and the respective diagnostic horizons, properties, and materials with a very short comment on the reasons for the suggestions.

If you have any technical problem reaching one of the lists, please contact by e-mail wolfgang.prante@fao.org , with copy to the moderator of the group.

On behalf of the WRB Board

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