

First Announcement

Final Conference of the ESF Programme

**The Role of Soils in the
Terrestrial Carbon Balance**

**Pont à Mousson (France)
Prémontrés Abbey**



20th – 22th November 2007

The aim of the conference is to summarize progress and activities within the frame of the ESF programme 'The role of soils in the terrestrial carbon balance' (RSTCB) and to prepare the future collaboration and project on the soil carbon cycle.

The conference is divided in six sessions that cover the goals of the RSTCB programme :

- Confidence in Soil CO₂ flux and carbon stock estimates
- Soil organic matter stabilization/mobilisation
- Diversity and function of the microbial communities
- Process based models (soil carbon pools and soil CO₂ efflux).
- Managing ecosystems for mitigation of soil carbon loss and sequestration optimization.
- From scientific measurements to the Kyoto objectives

Special attention will be given in the advances recently emerged among the scientific community working on the soil carbon cycling like stable isotopes use.

Each session will begin with an introductory keynote lecture giving an overview on the subject. After that, three talks will put an emphasis on the main recent advances and large time will be devoted to questions and discussions. Each session will finish with a poster presentation that will give the opportunity to participants to present their own research.

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