

The World Soil Museum – An Update

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World Soil Information

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ISRIC's Mission

- Inform and educate (World Soil Museum)
- Assemble, maintain and disseminate soil data
- Develop and apply methods to derive soil maps (point observations, area class maps and other information)
- Support users of soil information (applied research on land resources and the environment)



ISRIC Monolith Collection

Reference collection of 1,100 undisturbed soil profiles from 75 countries with accompanying information



WSM Visitors and Groups

- The World Soil Museum (WSM) is well known both nationally and internationally; ~ 1,000 references on the Internet
- Ca. 30 to 50 groups per year + spontaneous visitors
- Visitor numbers around 800 (ranging between about 400 to 1000)
- Universities in the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, UK and sometimes USA, Russia, Thailand, Japan, China, Iraq, etc.



The “Making of” the New Building

Watch the video here:

<http://www.isric.org/sites/default/files/ISRIC%20ESG.m4v>



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Opening in December !



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Main Concept

- Maintain the **focus on the reference soils** (soil monoliths) as core objects of study and carriers of information for education
- **Grouping by core themes**
Soils & climate, soils & geology, soils of the Netherlands,...
- **6 theme stations**
 - Land degradation and conservation
 - Food security
 - Soil formation and landscape
 - Climate change
 - Biodiversity
 - Soil and water



Interior Design



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Functions World Soil Museum

- Education (Higher education: universities, colleges, intermediate vocational education, secondary schools)
- “Hands-on” training & courses
- Info- and edutainment
- Social function
- “Real museum” art function



Education/Training



The Social Function



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Questions?



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