

**E-mail sent to all United State Consortium of Soil Science Associations
official contacts and other interested people on March 28, 2004.**

Hello,

A special symposium "Education & Employment in Pedology: Thriving or just Changing?" is planned at the SSSA annual conference in Seattle, WA. It is being organized under the leadership of Dr. Mike Konen, Northern Illinois and Dr. Lee Burras, Iowa State University.

They are looking for presentations on how pedology is practiced within the government and private sectors. This symposium offers an excellent opportunity for membership of USCSSA to express their experience and views on this high visibility issue. Please note the deadline for submitting a Title-Summary Form is May 3, 2004.

We will appreciate each of you providing the below information about the symposium to the members of your organization with encouragement to participate.

Thanks,

Jim Culver, Advisory Group - USCSSA

Symposium Announcement & Call for Papers

Education & Employment Opportunities in Pedology: Dying, Thriving or just Changing?

The Pedology division (S5) within SSSA is sponsoring the symposium "Education & Employment Opportunities in Pedology: Dying, Thriving or just Changing?" at this year's annual conference in Seattle. The goal is to promote discussion about pedology as taught at universities as well as the changing nature of how it is practiced within government and the private sector. Thus, we seek presentations from all areas of pedology - professional practitioners, government soil scientists, educators involved in inter-disciplinary programs, etc. The format of the symposium will be an oral session ending with an open forum. As a result, we ask presenters to develop their presentations with the goal of generating discussion.

The session is being co-organized by Mike Konen and Lee Burras. Please contact either of us if you have any questions. The deadline for submitting a Title-Summary Form is May 3. Specific details regarding the SSSA annual meeting can be found at <http://www.asa-cssa-sssa.org/anmeet> . We hope to see you in Seattle.

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