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It is our pleasure to inform you that the book "**SOIL IS A SOURCE OF LIFE, WATER AND FOOD**" edited by "**THE IUSS GOES TO THE SCHOOL®**" educative project, was presented on May 19, 2024, in Florence during the celebration of the Centennial of the IUSS.

The book consists of two sections. Section A on Crop cards & short stories, and Section B about Children's books and is published under a Creative Commons license with IUSS ISBN 979-8-9895344-2-5, as an online interactive book that will be available for all in the IUSS website.

<https://www.iuss.org/soil-publications/iuss-publications/soil-is-a-source-of-life-water-and-food/>

This work has 30 Crop Cards (all in English, Spanish, German, French and Portuguese), and 11 short stories for children (all in English, Spanish, German, and some also in French and Portuguese) in 1750 pages in which we hope that children and teachers enjoy this material that has been produced by Soil Science scientists who wrote and translated it with great dedication, especially for them.

It is an interactive book and to facilitate its navigation, on page eight it is indicated that to choose the reading you want and in the language you want, you must go to the index of the book and click on the title and language chosen to automatically go to the chosen reading page. Likewise, to return to the index and make another choice, you just have to click again on the title of any of the materials that make up this work.

We greatly appreciate your collaboration with the educational project "**THE IUSS GOES TO SCHOOL®**" and we cordially invite you to share this book with the members of your National Society so that it reaches the schools and children around each of them.

Sincerely,

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**IUSS Former President**

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