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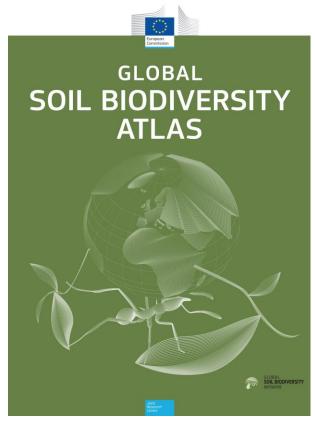
Launch of the Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas in France

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Program
Abstracts and short biographies of the speakers

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General presentation

Soils are the living epidermis of the planet that supports the production of food and fiber, clean water and air, all contributing to human health. Soil organisms, ranging from microscopic bacteria and protists to earthworms, beetles and moles, work together to carry out vital tasks in natural and managed ecosystems that allow life on Earth. They are key drivers of nutrient transformations and cycling; their impact on decomposition and soil structure regulates soil organic matter dynamics, soil carbon storage and greenhouse gas emissions; the symbiotic interactions driven by mycorrhiza and nitrogen fixing bacteria enhance the magnitude and efficiency of nutrient acquisition; while biological control of pest and pathogens is provided by their natural predators and parasites thus contributing to plant and human health. Unfortunately, the extremely variegated communities that inhabit the soil are increasingly threatened by irresponsible uses of the land.

In response to the urgent challenges associated with the sustainable management of soils and the preservation of life within them, a swift collective action has been taking place among scientists of different disciplines, backgrounds and experiences. A first remarkable achievement towards this direction was the publication of the first-ever Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas. Released in May 2016, the Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas, a collaborative effort of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre and the Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative, presents the first overview of soil biodiversity for both managed and natural soils on a global scale. The Atlas is a significant international scientific effort with contributions from more than 120 experts from 26 different countries. The rapid advances in new technologies, such as molecular tools, and information and communication technologies, facilitated the collective effort that resulted in the Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas, but it would have still been incomplete without the global collaborations that fostered new syntheses and understanding of the importance of soil organisms across the globe.

The eight main chapters of the Atlas cover all aspects of soil biodiversity, from taxonomy, geographical distribution and ecosystem service to threats, interventions and policies related to soil biodiversity. The book was conceived to target not only general public and policy makers but also researchers and technicians. More than 800 images, more than 50 maps and hundreds of informative boxes drive the readers through an incredible journey into soil life. The Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas represents a starting point that will contribute to make people aware of the importance and beauty of organisms living in the soil and to help soil life to raise the attention and respect that it deserves.

The present symposium aims at launching in France this unpreceded Atlas. This will represent an opportunity to present European and world initiatives on soil biodiversity and to illustrate advances in knowledge, study strategy, monitoring of soil microbes and fauna in a variety of environments by European and World experts, some of them having contributing to the Atlas.

Chairmen: Dominique Job, directeur de recherche émérite au CNRS, Laboratoire mixte CNRS/Bayer CropScience, UMR CNRS 5240, Lyon ; Académie d'Agriculture (Sciences de la vie)

Daniel Tessier, directeur de recherche honoraire à l'INRA, Académie (interactions milieux-être vivants)

Program

- 9:45-10:00. Welcoming
 Gérard Tendron, Permanent Secretary of the Academy of Sciences.
- 10:00-10:15. Introduction
 Karmenu Vella, European Commission, Commissioner Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (pre-recorded video message)
- 10:15-10:30. Symposium presentation

 Jean-Luc Chotte, Philippe Lemanceau, Alberto Orgiazzi, Symposium organizers

1 Atlas presentation

10:30-11:00. Presentation of the Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas
 Alberto Orgiazzi, Coordinator of the Atlas, JRC Ispra, European Commission

2 Progresses in the study strategies of soil biodiversity

• 11:00-11:30. Basic study and exploitation of soil microbiota following a metagenomics approach

Pascal Simonet, CNRS Lyon, France

- 11:30-12:00. Development of metabarcoding for soil fauna
 Arjen de Groot, Wageningen University Research, The Netherlands
- 12:00-12:30. Data base management and bioinformatics
 Urmas Kõljalg, University of Tartu, Estonia

12:30-13:30 Free lunch

3 Biodiversity and soil functioning

- 13:30-14:00. Diversity and functions of soil macrofauna in West Africa: Case study of termites and ants in Cote d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso.
 - Souleymane Konate, University Nangui Abrogoua, Cote d'Ivoire
- 14:00-14:30. Soil biodiversity and geochemical cycles
 Alain Brauman (IRD), Jean Trap (IRD), Claude Plassard (INRA), Jean-Luc Chotte (IRD), Eric Blanchart (IRD), Montpellier, France
- 14:30-15:00. Exploration of microbial biodiversity and functions in forest ecosystems: a focus on temperate regions

Stéphane Uroz, INRA Nancy, France

4 Knowledge applications of soil biodiversity to sustainable soil management

- **15:00-15:30.** Soil microbial diversity: national territory to farmers **Lionel Ranjard,** INRA, Dijon, France
- 15:30-16:00. Nematode biodiversity and bioindicators
 Cécile Villenave, ELISOL Environnement, Montpellier, France
- 16:00-16:30. Soil biodiversity and ecosystem services Patrick Lavelle, IRD, CIAT, Cali, Colombia

5 European & world initiatives of soil biodiversity characterization

- 15:45-16:15. FP7 large-scale European project EcoFINDERS Philippe Lemanceau, INRA, Dijon, France
- 16:15-16:45. Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative
 Wim van der Putten, NIOO, Wageningen, The Netherlands

4 Conclusions-prospects

16:45-17:00. Conclusions and prospects
 Philippe Lemanceau & Francis Martin, INRA, Dijon & Nancy

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Gérard Tendron, agronomist, honorary general engineer of agricultural, water and forestry engineering has got a professional career essentially based at the Forests National Office, at the Ministry of the Environment and at the Ministry of Agriculture. He got involved in the reflections of balance between agriculture, forests and wildlife, the economic development of the forest-based industries, the management of agricultural and forestry land included in the European network Natura 2000, the forestry management in outer-urban environment and the ethics from the relationship between man and animal at the Agriculture Academy. He undertook to continue upgrading the Agriculture Academy in terms of organization and operating involving his peer and implementing new means of communication and publication to value his works. He's been president of the Society of Friends and Philanthropists of the Castle of Fontainebleau since 2013.

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Introduction

There is the need to recognise the importance of soil biodiversity for food production, water and regulation, climate change, and for the wider biodiversity and ecosystem objectives. The continuous degradation of soil at global and EU level needs to be addressed through applying appropriate policies in line with the 7th Environment Action Programme (EAP), the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target on "land degradation neutrality" by 2030, as well as the EU biodiversity target of restoring 15% of degraded ecosystems by 2020. In particular

there is the need to see that agriculture can contribute towards soil protection through more sustainable farming practices.

Karmenu Vella is the European Commissioner for Environment, Fisheries and Maritime Affairs. He was born in Malta on June 1950. Mr Vella graduated in Architecture and Civil Engineering, and later obtained a Master of Science in Tourism Management from University of Sheffield. He was first elected to Parliament in 1976 and continued to be was re-elected in the elections that followed for nine consecutive times. During his political career he has been appointed Minister for Public Works, Minister for Industry and Minister for Tourism twice. Mr Vella had also held various senior posts in the private sector.

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Symposium presentation

Jean-Luc CHOTTE is en senior scientist at IRD (Institut de Recherche pour le Développement), France. His research topic deals with the impact of climate and land use changes on soil organic matter dynamics (stocks and fluxes). As a soil ecologist, he has a special interest in the role of soil biota (macrofauna, mesofauna, microorganisms) and their interactions in organic carbon dynamics in soils. His research promotes the role of soil biota as key players in agro-ecosystem functioning and in soil and land rehabilitation. From 1996 to 2004 he was posted in Sénégal and conducted in depth field studies on means to enhance soil carbon stock in different agro-systems from semi arid to humid ecosystems. He has been involved in international projects. He co-chaired the 3rd International Scientific Conference on "Climate Smart Agriculture" (2015). To date he has published about 90 publications in the fields of Soil Sciences and Soil Ecology. Since 2011 he is the Director of join Unit "Functional Ecology & biogeochemistry of soils & agro-ecosystems". He is the focal point for IRD in the 4P1000 initiative. Since the last COP 12 of the UNCCD convention he is Vice-Chair of the Committee for Science and Technology of the convention and member of the Science and Policy Interface.

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Let's talk about the 1st ever Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas

Alberto's scientific interest is devoted to the fields of biology and biotechnology, with a particular interest in molecular biology and soil metagenomics. His PhD project was aimed at the analyses of soil biodiversity by means of next-generation sequencing technologies (metabarcoding-based approach). While doing his PhD, he spent time at AGROSCOPE (Zurich, Switzerland) and at the University Claude Bernard Lyon I (Lyon, France). Alberto completed his PhD cycle in 2012. In 2013 he joined the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) as a post-doctoral

In 2013 he joined the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) as a post-doctoral researcher. His 3-years projects dealt with

- the development of the first Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas in collaboration with the Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative (www.globalsoilbiodiversity.org) and
- the assessment and mapping of potential threats to soil biodiversity across Europe as part of the FP7 EU project EcoFINDERS.

In May 2016 Alberto returned to the JRC as temporary scientific officer to work on

- the assessment of soil biodiversity and the ecosystem services that it provides at European scale.
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Basic study and exploitation of soil microbiota following a metagenomics approach

The strong cultivation bias affecting soil bacteria can be circumvented by modern alternative approaches including metagenomics or single cell genomics. I will show how these metagenomic datasets can be used to estimate and compare the functional potential of microbial communities from various environments with a special focus on antibiotic resistance genes. However, metagenomic datasets can also in some cases be partially assembled into longer sequences representing

microbial genetic structures for trying to correlate different functions to their co-location on the same genetic structure. Metagenomics can also be used to exploit the genetic potential of environmental microorganisms. I will present an integrative approach coupling *rrs* phylochip, high throughput shotgun sequencing and hybridization of soil metagenomic DNA clones spotted on high density membranes. The inserts of positive clones are sequenced, DNA assembled and annotated leading to identify new coding DNA sequences related to genes of interest with a good coverage but a low similarity against closest hits in the databases confirming novelty of the detected and cloned genes.

Pascal Simonet leads a research group at ECL (Ampère lab, CNRS) to investigate the evolution potential of bacteria in environments such as the soil and the plants. This included the general objectives of determining the involvement of horizontal gene transfers (HGT) in the adaptation and evolution of bacteria to new environments. Studies focused mainly on natural genetic transformation and conjugation. These objectives lead the group to develop soil DNA extraction methods and they were among the first to investigate environmental bacteria with metagenomic approaches including for investigating the fate of DNA released by genetically engineered organisms and the possibility that recombinant DNA, and particularly antibiotic resistance genes transforms indigenous bacteria. This led the group to investigate the natural occurrence and the fate of antibiotic resistance genes in the environment and their potential to be transferred to pathogens. The group also demonstrated a potential transforming effect on soil bacteria of lightning-generated electrical conditions. Pascal Simonet has numerous responsibilities including as a member of the French committee "Haut Conseil des Biotechnologies" (HCB) and as an editor for Research in Microbiology and as a member of the editorial board of The ISME Journal. He has co-authored over 150 scientific papers and was invited more than 100 times to give key note lectures or oral presentations in international conferences in the last 15 years. He organized several international and national congresses including "Bageco" Lyon, 2005.

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Development of DNA metabarcoding tools for soil fauna

Characterization of the huge soil faunal diversity still relies heavily on the slow and expert-dependent morphological identification. This hampers our ecological understanding of spatial and temporal diversity of many faunal groups, as screening many samples at high taxonomic detail is not a realistic proposition. DNA-based approaches, such as high-throughput DNA metabarcoding, potentially solve this issue. Within the EU FP7 project EcoFINDERS, a large effort has been spent to develop such tools.. Here, I will show results of direct comparisons between different strategies: conventional morphological

identification, as well as DNA metabarcoding based on either animals that were removed from the soil or direct soil DNA extracts. Furthermore, I will show some examples of how these tools can be applied to advance our ecological understanding of soil food webs and dispersal patterns.

As a molecular ecologist at Wageningen Environmental Research (Alterra), Arjen de Groot uses DNA-based tools to answer a broad range of applied questions related to nature management.

Besides conservation genetics (genetic viability of endangered populations) source tracking, this involves species recognition and biodiversity monitoring via DNA (meta)barcoding. Arjen is involved in various projects testing new high-throughput sequencing tools for a wide screening of eukaryotes in soils, as well as in water and air samples. A recent example is the development of metabarcoding tools for soil fauna within the EU FP7 project EcoFINDERS. The molecular lab of Wageningen Environmental Research specializes in the use of environmental DNA (eDNA) and other animals materials found in the field to study animals in their environment without disturbance.

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Database management and bioinformatics

Species—level classification of life has been a cornerstone of biology for centuries. Most macro-organisms are described soon after discovery, but species of soil biota like prokaryotes, micro-eukaryotes, and fungi often lag far behind in formal description because they are small, extremely diverse, and difficult to cultivate and often lack discriminatory morphological characteristics. In the UNITE database (https://unite.ut.ee) for molecular identification of fungi, we have adopted the species hypotheses concept to provide unique digital object identifiers (DOIs) for all fungal species known from sequence data. Several major microbial identification pipelines, notably QIIME, use the species

hypotheses identifiers as a community standardization measure. UNITE provides variety of analysis tools including, for example, massBLASTer for blasting hundreds of sequences in one batch, ITSx for detecting and extracting ITS1 and ITS2 regions of ITS sequences from environmental communities, or ATOSH for assigning your unknown sequences to SHs.

Urmas Kõljalg is a professor in mycology of the University of Tartu, Estonia since 2001. He is also serving as a director of the Natural History Museum of the same university since 2005. His major research area is molecular taxonomy and ecology of fungi and biodiversity informatics. During last fifteen years he has been developing online tools for the data management (http://plutof.com) and for the metabarcoding of fungi (https://unite.ut.ee). He is leading Estonian research infrastructure roadmap project NATARC (https://unite.ut.ee) and data management workpackage of the 7th framework project EUBON (https://eubon.eu, Building the European Biodiversity Observation Network).

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Diversity and functions of soil macrofauna in West Africa: Case study of termites and ants in Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso.

African savannas are important and very extended ecosystems of great significance for biodiversity and as a human economic area. Termites and ants represent a very important component of soil biodiversity in West African savannas, delivering essential ecosystem services (by e.g. improving soil water content, soil fertility and carbon sequestration). Our study aims to analyse the diversity and functional roles of these soil organisms along a climatic and

anthropogenic gradient in West African savannas, with two case studies in Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire.

Souleymane Konaté is currently professor in ecology at the University Nangui Abrogoua (Côte d'Ivoire), where he is leading the research unit on Ecology and Biodiversity (within the Research Pole on Environment and Sustainable Development). Souleymane received a Ph.D. in Ecology in 1998 from the University of Paris 6 (Pierre & Marie Curie) in France, and was the winner of 2004 START Young Scientist Award (IGPB-IHDP) in Ecology. Konaté has been director of the Ecological Research Station of Lamto in Côte d'Ivoire for ten years. He has served as Coordinator of the Protected Areas Programme of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for West and Central Africa, and as senior researcher on biodiversity and climate change at WASCAL (West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use). He is curently member of international steering committies of several networks and programs like JRS Biodiversity Foundation and GLP (Global land Project, IGBP-Future Earth). He has published more than 40 papers and 20 book chapters, mainly on ecology of soil macrofauna (termites and ants). During the last 15 years he took a leading position in integration of science and society by organizing scientific activities, synthesis and knowledge bundling and dissemination on tropical biodiversity related questions at regional and national levels. One of these achievements is his contribution, as co-editor to the Biodiversity Atlas of West Africa (2010).

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Soil biodiversity and geochemical cycles

Agroecology, the new agriculture paradigm, is based on the intensification of ecological processes, linked to biodiversity and especially soil biodiversity. This implies to better understand the relationship between soil biodiversity and soil functions linked to the provision of ecosystem services. If diversity-functions relationships have been intensively studied for the plant community, these relations remain questionable in the soil ecosystem. The soil inherent complexity is often advocated to explain this trend, however, we could emphasis that (i) soil biota

taxonomy is still poorly known compared to most above ground organisms (ii) most of the studies focus on two-sided (one organism, one plant) relationships which does not reflect the whole complexity of the biotic interactions occurring in soils (iii) few studies take into account the underlying mechanisms of these biotic interactions, and (iv) few studies investigate the regulation of the biotic interactions by the abiotic components.

In this talk, we aim to demonstrate the importance of biotic interactions on nutrient fluxes/cycling, which is one of the main functions associated to soil fertility. Through several examples taken from literature or on-going works of our research team, we will show how the diversity of soil organisms within or between trophic/functional levels (i.e., decomposers, microregulators, soil engineers, plant mutualists) regulate nutrient fluxes and/or plant growth. An implication of this perspective is that processes that decrease soil organism abundance (ex: soil tillage) or modify their habitat are likely to decrease aboveground productivity. Conversely, practices increasing soil functional diversity are likely to increase this productivity.

Alain Brauman, soil ecologist at French Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), spent most of its career (\sim 20y) in tropical countries (Africa and Asia). First interested by the gut microbiota of insects (such as termite) involved in greenhouse gas emission (CH4 and N₂O), his research is now focusing on the impact of agriculture practices on soil functional biodiversity (microorganism, nematofauna, soil macrofauna) and related soil functions (organic matter degradation, fluxes of N and P, greenhouse gas emission).

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Exploration of microbial biodiversity and functions in forest ecosystems: a focus on temperate regions

Forest ecosystems provide several key environmental services such as acting as carbon sinks, protecting biodiversity, protecting soils and providing wood resources. Their worldwide distribution, covering boreal to temperate and tropical regions, allows for the development of complex and distinct ecosystems. However, the distribution of forests is also strongly related to land use history and soil characteristics. Easily manageable soils with high plant nutritional capacity have

often been dedicated to crops and grasslands, while nutrient-poor and rocky soils have been abandoned to forests. These specific conditions strongly differentiate forest ecosystems from annual cultures and grasslands, especially as forests are usually non-amended and unploughed.

Forest ecosystems are also characterized by the existence of large perennial plants: the trees. Indeed, trees require decades to centuries of growth to complete their lifecycles or before harvesting. Consequently, their impact on soil parameters and the forest biota is important due to litter deposition, nutrient uptake and root exudation. In this presentation, we will describe the biodiversity of the forest soil biota and especially the forest microbiome (archaea, bacteria, fungi, protists) and how this microbiome is impacted by different environmental factors (tree species, soil type, forestry practices) and how it contributes to the functioning and homeostasis of forest ecosystems.

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Soil microbial diversity: national territory to farmers

My speech will focus on the development of a biogeographical approach to study the spatial distribution of soil microbial community in terms of abundance and diversity on the scale of France. We have reached this goal by the application of molecular tools based on soil DNA extraction and characterization on the 2200 soils of the French national monitoring network. This approach enabled us to draw the biogeographical patterns of molecular microbial biomass as well as bacterial community richness and evenness on the scale of France. By this way

we have identified and rank the several ecological processes involved in community assembly as well as the different environmental drivers. In addition, we have also revisited the concept of taxa area relationship for microorganisms at this scale. The set of microbial data obtained from the RQMS survey enabled us to build up the first reference system of soil microbiology on a broad scale. My speech will end with the demonstration that these molecular microbial tools can be operational to diagnose soil quality in an agricultural network of 250 farms distributed across France.

Lionel RANJARD is a research scientist from INRA department "Environment and Agronomy" in the UMR "Agroécologie" INRA Dijon. He takes its position in November 2001 after a PhD in microbial ecology at university Claude Bernard (Lyon1, France) and a post-doctoral position in bacterial genetic. He is the coordinator of numerous scientific programs dealing with microbial biogeography at different spatial scales (from plots to French territory ECOMIC-RMQS project). More recently he has managed scientific programs with the goal to develop an operational set of bio indicators to diagnose agricultural soil quality and evaluate the impact of farming practices (AgrInnov project).

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Nematodes biodiversity and bioindicators

Nematodes are the most abundant metazoa on earth. They are ubiquitous and can be found in all habitats that provide organic carbon sources.

Since the 90's, nematofaunal indices have been developed: they integrate the responses of different taxa and trophic groups to perturbation and, in association with nematode functional group abundances, provide a powerful tool for an *in situ* environmental monitoring of soil.

The advantages of nematodes as bioindicators of soil quality are the ease with which assessments can be made: ease of the soil sampling, ease of community characterisation thanks to the strong relationship between nematode forms and functions which allows morphological identification. Moreover, nematodes vary in sensitivity to pollutants and environmental disturbance; the consistent and known response of taxonomic groups to different forms of environmental perturbation is also an essential factor of success.

Routine analysis of nematode fauna affords assessment of changes of agricultural practices or levels of environmental stress and provides decision criteria for conservation and remediation.

Soil ecologist and agronomist specialized on soil and plant nematodes, experienced in sustainable agriculture and soil fertility with twenty years of professional experience as researcher with the French "Institut de Recherche pour le Développement" (I.R.D.) mainly in Africa and France. She holds a PhD in ecology & plant production, and is agronomist from AgroParisTech (Paris, France)

C. Villenave is co-founder in 2011 of the ELISOL environnement; this company develops and markets tools for monitoring soil quality, based on nematodes as bioindicators. The customers are 1) the managers of sites undergoing decontamination, restoration or preservation and 2) the users of agricultural soils. It is also a laboratory of plant-parasitic nematode analysis (agricultural pests). Research and development is an important part of ELISOL environnement, through this research effort seeks to continuously improve fundamental and applied knowledge in the various fields of application of its soil quality monitoring tools.

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Soil biodiversity and ecosystem services

Soils are self-organized systems within which organisms interact forming a nested suite of discrete scales. Microorganisms form communities and physical structures at the smallest scale (microns), followed by the community of their predators organized in microfoodwebs (tens of microns), the functional domains built by ecosystem engineers (centimeters to meters), ecosystems, and landscapes where the delivery of ecosystem services emerges. The integrity and diversity of the different subsystems at each scale and the quality of their interconnections are a precondition for an optimum and sustainable delivery of ecosystem services. An

adequate management of soil biodiversity offers a wide range of options to improve the delivery of such important soil based ES as climate regulation, food production, water and nutrient cycling.

Patrick Lavelle is an Emeritus Professor at Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris 6). He is a Soil Ecologist who worked mainly on earthworm ecology and their relationships with other soil organisms and processes. His research has been mainly developed in tropical areas of Africa and America, in natural savannas and rainforests and a large diversity of managed systems, especially in Amazonia. He has developed a general theoretical model of soil function based on the self-organization theory that integrates all biological, chemical and physical processes. After participating in the redaction of the millennium Ecosystem Assessment (coordinating author of chapter on Nutrient Cycling) he is currently working on Ecosystem Services, their determinants and their links to landscapes and societies in Tropical America. As a Director of the Laboratoire d'Ecologie des Sols Tropicaux and UMR BIOSOL at Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, he coordinated 20 projects for French and European donnors and supervised 31 PhD theses. He has published 360 scientific papers (220 in international journals) and published a textbook of Soil Ecology with Alister Spain (Kluwer, 2001).

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FP7 large scale European project EcoFINDERS

EcoFINDERS project aimed at providing scientific and technological knowledge on soil biodiversity and functioning in relation with ecosystem services to the European Commission for its Soil Thematic Strategy. Research conducted within EcoFINDERS project has: (i) significantly increased the knowledge of soil biodiversity and soil ecosystem services across Europe, (ii) delivered standardized operating procedures to assess soil biodiversity and services, (iii) proposed a set of cost-effective bioindicators and mapped the threats to soil biodiversity at the

European scale, (iv) developed strategies for assessing the economic value of soil biodiversity and ecosystem services, and (v) promoted the importance of soil biodiversity and ecosystem services to policy-makers, stakeholders and public.

Philippe Lemanceau is a senior scientist at the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA). He is a soil microbiologist with a widely recognized expertise in plant-microbe interactions. He has published more than 100 papers and 35 book chapters. He is heading a department on agroecology in Dijon aiming at developing sustainable cropping systems valorizing plant and microbial diversity in order to maintain a high agricultural production delivering at the same time ecosystem services, with a lower use of synthetic inputs. He has been coordinating a large scale program within the 7th framework-program EcoFINDERS aiming at providing the European Commission with information on (i) soil biodiversity across Europe and (ii) relations between biodiversity, functions and ecosystems services according to the variety of European environmental conditions (soil and climate types, land uses).

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Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative

The Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative (GSBI: https://globalsoilbiodiversity.org/) was launched in September 2011 and is open to all those interested in developing a coherent platform for promoting the translation of expert knowledge on soil biodiversity into environmental policy and sustainable land management for the protection and enhancement of ecosystem services. The GSBI is very much a bottom-up initiative from scientists for policy makers, public, and colleague scientists. It organizes numerous outreach activities, including the Global Soil

Biodiversity Conference (the first one was in 2015 in Dijon and the second in 2017 in Nanjing) and the Global Soil Biodiversity Atlas. Another large effort is the setting up of a Global Soil Biodiversity Assessment.

Wim van der Putten graduated at Wageningen University in 1984 with a degree in ecology and then moved to the Institute for Ecological Research at Oostvoorne, The Netherlands. In 1989 he gained his PhD and Wageningen University and currently, he is head of the Terrestrial Ecology at the Netherlands Institute of Ecology (NIOO) and extraordinary professor in Functional Biodiversity at Wageningen University. Wim's main interest is in aboveground-belowground multitrophic interactions, plant-soil feedback, succession, (soil) biodiversity, invasions, and climate change-induced range shifts. In 2004, he was awarded a VICI grant in order to study consequences of rapid range shifts due to current climate warming and in 2012 an ERC Advanced grant on community re-assembly under climate warming. In 2015 he was elected member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. Wim has co-authored an overview report on soil biodiversity for the <u>EC DGXI</u>, and is coeditor of both the European and Global Atlases of Soil Biodiversity. He co-founded the <u>Wageningen</u> Centre for Soil Ecology and the Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative (https://globalsoilbiodiversity.org/).

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Ses domaines d'expertise concernent l'organisation et les propriétés des sols, et le rôle des sols dans l'environnement et pour la production agricole.

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