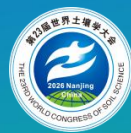


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Welcome



Jiabao Zhang Academician
Vice President of IUSS,
and President of SSSC



Victor Okechukwu Chude
President of IUSS

Dear Colleagues,

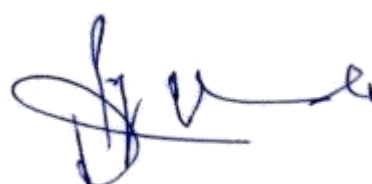
On behalf of the organizing committee, I am delighted to extend an invitation to you for the 23rd World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS 2026), which will be held in Nanjing, China, from June 7 to June 12, 2026. We eagerly anticipate your participation in this prestigious international gathering.

Since its inauguration in 1927, the World Congress of Soil Science has been convened every four years, serving as a pivotal scientific forum in the realm of soil sciences. In 2018, the Soil Science Society of China successfully won the bid to host WCSS 2026 in Nanjing. This marks a significant milestone, as it is the first time the congress will be held in China, and we are honored to undertake the organization of the event in Nanjing.

Nanjing, a sub-provincial city situated in the Yangtze River delta in the southwestern part of Jiangsu province, is the provincial capital and one of China's four great ancient capitals. It is also a vital center for education, culture, economy, industry, politics, and tourism, offering a unique blend of history and modernity for all attendees.

We expect WCSS 2026 to attract a diverse group of participants, including research scientists, soil practitioners, industry representatives, policymakers, regulators, students, and all individuals interested in the sustainable management of soils. This congress will provide an exceptional platform for soil scientists worldwide to exchange ideas, strengthen cooperation, and jointly address the various challenges faced by both developed and developing regions in soil management.

We look forward to welcoming you to WCSS 2026 in Nanjing!



Organization

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Congress Information

Basic Information

The 23rd World Congress of Soil Science

Date: June 7-12, 2026

Registration: June 7

Congress Sessions: June 8-12

Location:

Nanjing International Expo Center & Nanjing International Expo Convention Center

南京国际博览中心 & 南京国际博览会议中心

Address: No.300 Jiangdong Middle Road, Jianye District, Nanjing, China

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Congress Information

Registration

We are delighted to welcome you to the 23rd World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS 2026), taking place from June 7 to 12 at Nanjing International Expo Center (NIEC). Upon arrival at NIEC, all registered delegates are requested to follow the on-site signage to the registration desk and present your Platform ID to complete your check-in and collect your congress materials efficiently.

A confirmation email with your check-in QR code will be sent ten days before the congress. Please download and save the QR code in advance. Present it at the registration desk for fast and efficient check-in.

In addition, an **Ice-Breaking Event** will be held in the check-in area on June 7 from 16:00 to 19:00. **All delegates are welcome to join and interact.**



Registration desk opening hours are as follows:

Date	Time
June 7 (Sunday)	09:00-22:00
June 8 (Monday)	08:00-18:30
June 9 (Tuesday)	08:30-18:30
June 10 (Wednesday)	
June 11 (Thursday)	
June 12 (Friday)	08:30-14:00

Please note that only registered delegates are permitted to enter the congress rooms and exhibition areas. Companions may only access the Welcome Reception and the exhibition hall. They may not access scientific sessions or academic program areas.



Congress Information

Name Badges

Please collect your congress badge at 3B Entrance Hall from June 7, 2026, by presenting your registration QR code. Badge holders may attend all scientific sessions, receive printed congress materials, attend the Welcome Reception and social events, access the exhibition area, and enjoy coffee breaks as scheduled.

Accompanying persons (registered family members of delegates only) may attend the Welcome Reception and visit the exhibition hall. However, they may not access scientific sessions or academic program areas.

IUSS Medals and Awards

Dokuchaev Medal

Von Liebig Medal

Emma Marie Antonie Täuber Award

IUSS Communication Award

IUSS Innovation Award

Jeju Medal

IUSS Honorary Members

Ayoade Olayiwola Ogunkunle (Nigeria)

Deli Chen (Australia)

Erika Michéli (Hungary)

Peter Schad (Germany)

Rattan Lal (USA)

Sviatoslav Baliuk (Ukraine)

Takashi Kosaki (Japan)

Wolfgang Burghardt (Germany)

Ceremony Schedule		
Awards and Honors	Ceremony Setting	Date
Winners for Soil Judging Contest	Ice-Breaking Event	June 7 (Sunday)
IUSS Honorary Members	Opening Ceremony	June 8 (Monday)
Von Liebig Award	Gala Dinner	June 11 (Thursday)
Dokuchaev Award		
Jeju Award		
Täuber Award		
IUSS Innovation Award		
IUSS Communication Award		



Congress Information

Major Events

Ice-Breaking Event

Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 16:00-19:00 | 3B Entrance Hall, Nanjing International Expo Center

Opening Ceremony

Monday, June 8, 2026 | 08:45-09:55 | Zhonghua Hall, Nanjing International Expo Convention Center

Welcome Reception

Monday, June 8, 2026 | 19:00-21:00 | Zhonghua Hall, Nanjing International Expo Convention Center

Gala Dinner

Thursday, June 11, 2026 | 19:00-21:00 | Zhonghua Hall, Nanjing International Expo Convention Center

Ticket: 100 USD

Closing Ceremony

Friday, June 12, 2026 | 16:30-17:30 | Zhonghua Hall, Nanjing International Expo Convention Center

Exhibition

The exhibition area will be located in Hall 4 and open from June 8 to 12, 2026. Professional visitors may visit the exhibition throughout the event. All conference delegates are cordially invited to attend the Exhibition Day on June 10.

Operating hours are as follows:

Date	Time
June 8 (Monday)	09:00-17:30
June 9 (Tuesday)	
June 10 (Wednesday) Exhibition Day	
June 11 (Thursday)	
June 12 (Friday)	
June 12 (Friday)	09:00-14:00

Congress Information

Venue Information

1. Congress Catering

- **Coffee Break**

June 8 | 09:55-10:15 & 15:15-15:30

June 9 | 11:00-11:15 & 15:15-15:30

June 11 | 11:00-11:15 & 15:15-15:30

June 12 | 11:00-11:15 & 14:30-15:00

Location: **Corridors outside the conference rooms**

Coffee breaks will be held in conjunction with poster exhibitions, enabling participants to interact with presenters and view the latest research.

- **Lunch**

June 8 | 12:15-13:15

June 9-12 | 12:30-13:30

Location: **Hall 4 Dining Area, NIEC**

Note:



1. **Vegetarian** and **Halal food options** will be available during meal services.
2. If you have any **food allergies**, please carry a card to inform the staff.

2. Parking

Please park at **Parking Lot P1** of Nanjing International Expo Center (NIEC).

3. Toilets

Toilets are available on **every floor of NIEC and the Convention Center**. Please follow directional signs.



Congress Information

4. Nursing Room

A nursing Room is available on **the east side of the 1st floor of the Convention Center, adjacent to River View Café.**

5. Medical Services

Emergency medical assistance will be available to registered participants during the Congress. Two medical service points are available on site.

Location: **Inside Hall 4 Service Center, NIEC & 1st floor of the Convention Center**

6. Foreign Currency Exchange & SIM Card Services

A service point for international attendees might be available inside NIEC, offering the following services (not finalized):

- Foreign currency exchange (to CNY cash);
- Local SIM card purchase (**passport required for registration**).

Location: **Convention Center, 1st Floor**

Staff at the service point provide basic English support.

7. Smoking Policy

Please note that **smoking is not permitted anywhere indoors at the venue.**

Designated Smoking Areas in **the Convention Center:**

- **1st floor: Outdoor smoking area**
- **2nd-4th floors: Small terraces for smoking**

8. Photography

Photographers will be on site during part of the event. Images taken may be used for promotional purposes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Registration Desk.



Contacts

General Information

Email: WCSS2026@issas.ac.cn

Registration

Email: WCSS2026.reg@issas.ac.cn

Exhibition/Sponsorship

Email: WCSS2026.sponsor@issas.ac.cn

Visa Application

Email: WCSS2026.visa@issas.ac.cn

Transportation/Accommodation

Email: WCSS2026.hotel@issas.ac.cn

Tour/Field Trip

Email: WCSS2026.tour@issas.ac.cn

Emergency Numbers

Police Emergency: 110

Ambulance: 120

Fire Emergency: 119

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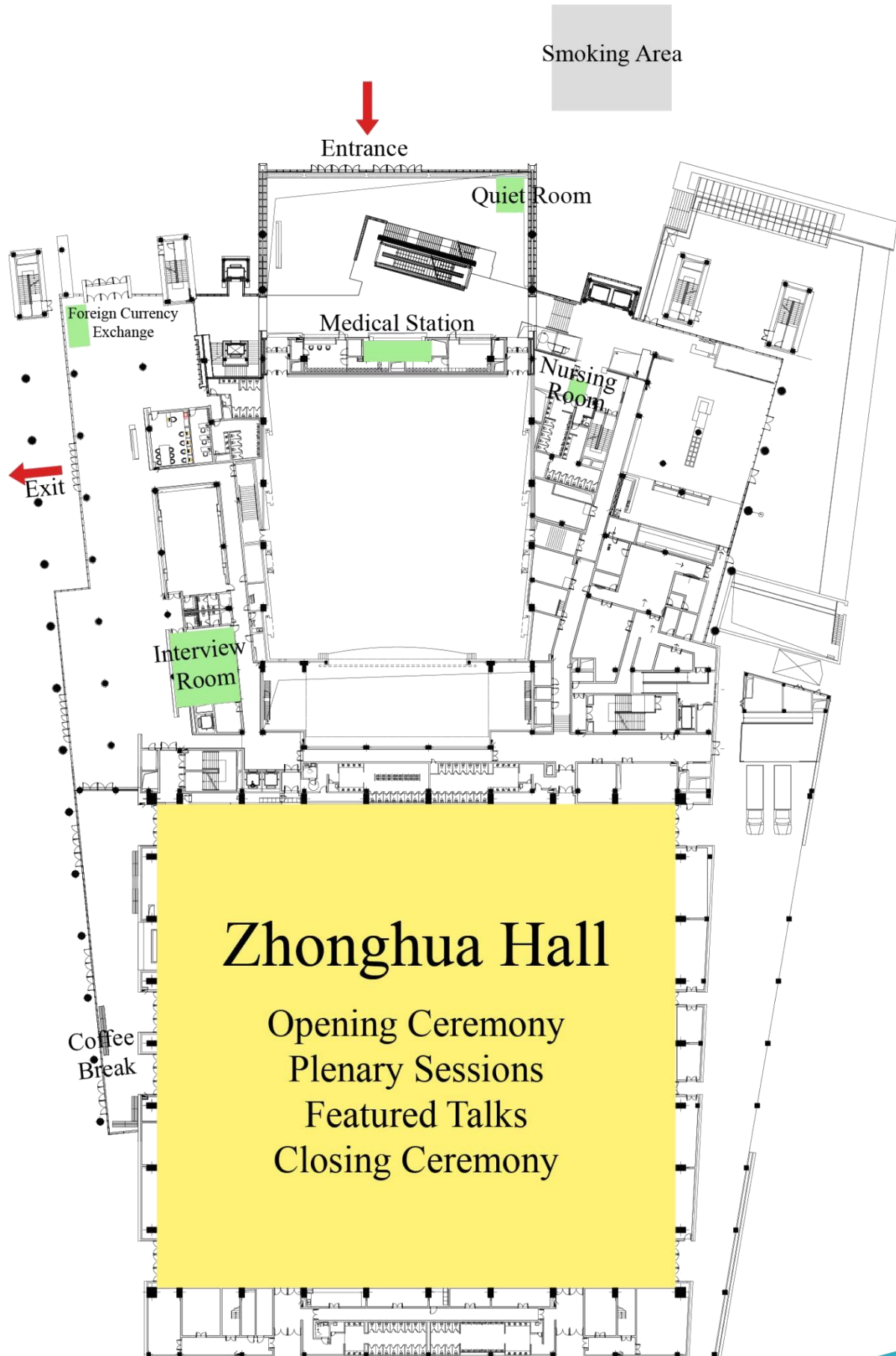
Venue Map



- i Information Desk
- R Registration Desk
- Service Center
- Nursing Room
- Smoking Area
- + Medical Station
- Quiet Room
- M Metro
- 4 Gate
- Information Sign
- Dining Area
- Conference Area
- Exhibition Area
- Entrepreneur Area
- SIM Card Services
- Poster Area
- ¥ Foreign Currency Exchange Services

Meeting Rooms Plan

Convention Center, 1st level



Meeting Rooms Plan

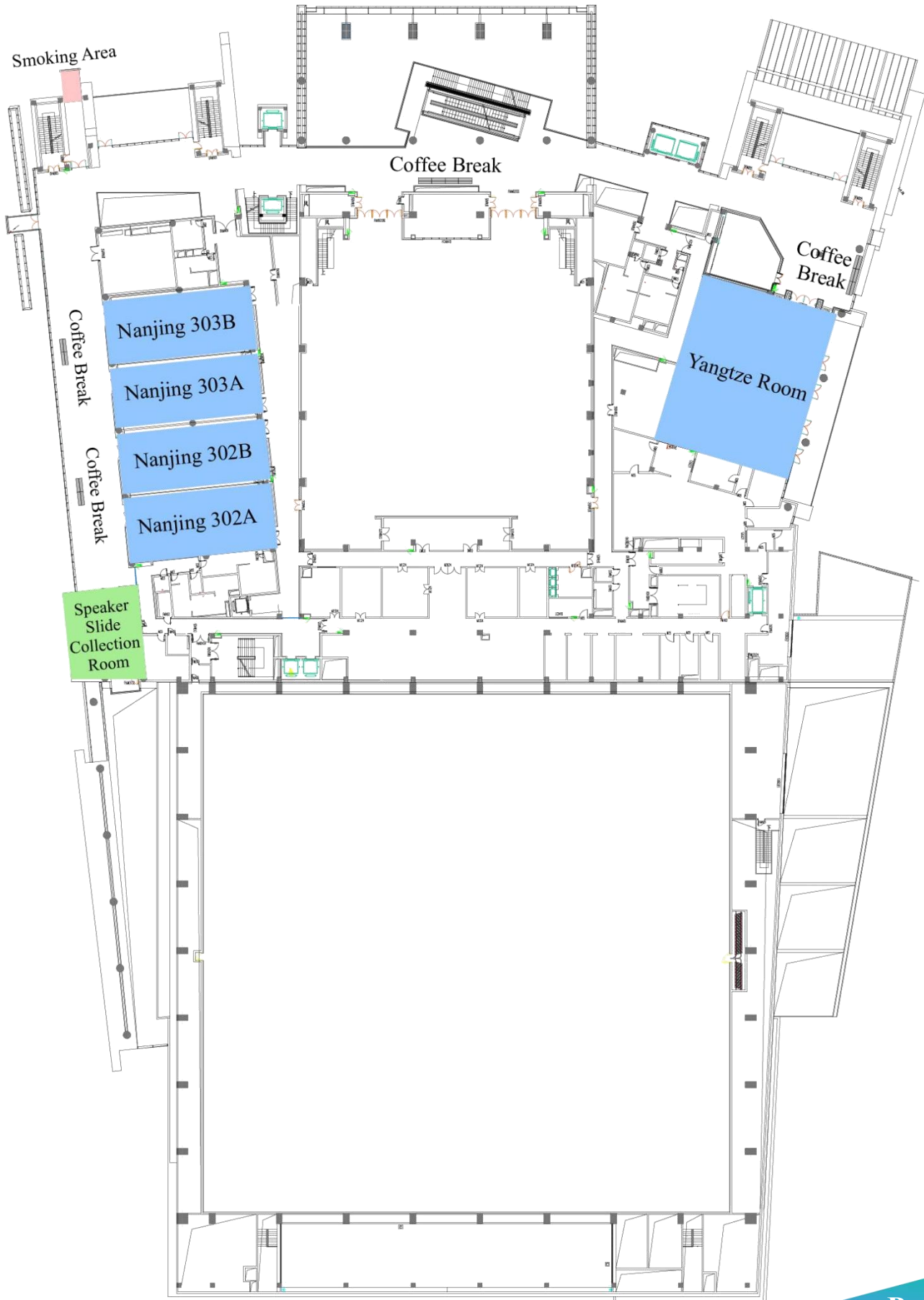
Convention Center, 2nd level



Meeting Rooms Plan

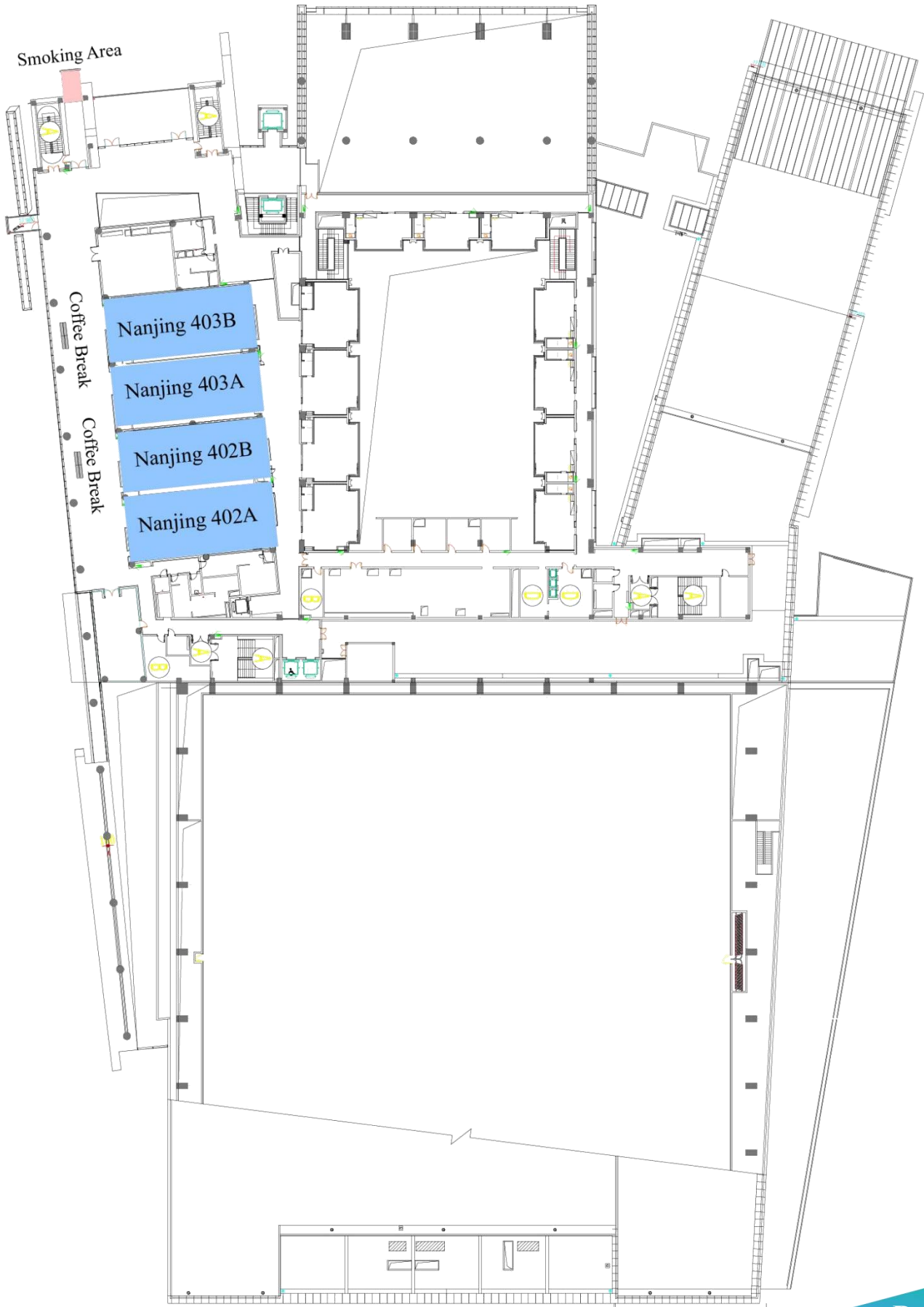
Convention Center, 3rd level

Speaker Slide Collection Room is located here



Meeting Rooms Plan

Convention Center, 4th level



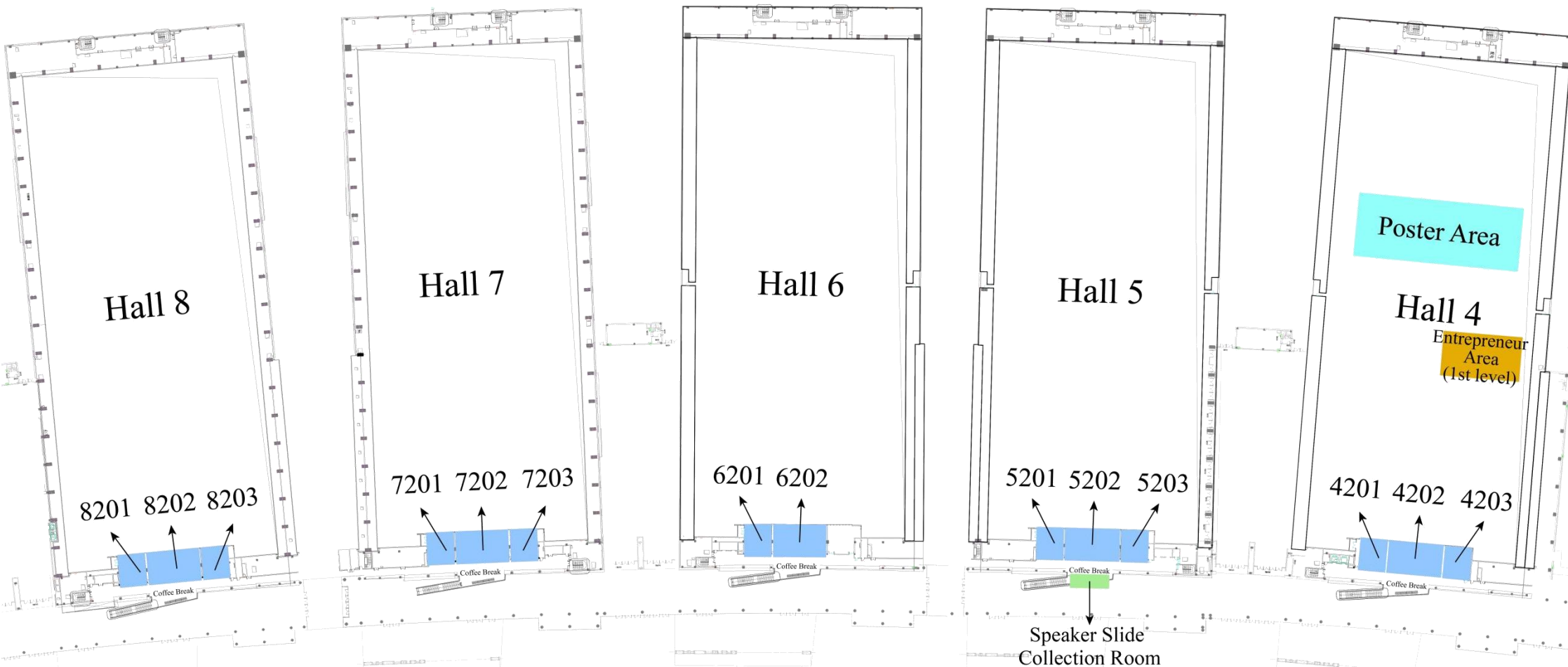


Meeting Rooms & Poster Plan

Meeting Rooms: Expo Center, Hall 4-8, 2nd level

Poster Area: Expo Center, Hall 4, 1st level

Speaker Slide Collection Room: Expo Center, Hall 5, 1st level Lobby





Information for Oral Presenters

I. Requirements for Presentation Files

1. File Format

The Congress accepts presentation files in the following formats (the slide template is attached to this email):

- Standard Microsoft PowerPoint format, preferably .pptx;
- PDF format.

Other file formats are not supported by the on-site presentation system. To avoid any issues during your presentation, please make sure your file format meets the above requirements in advance.

2. Video Playback

During the presentation, the on-site system only supports playback of standalone PowerPoint or PDF files. It does not support external links that redirect to browsers, webpages, online video platforms, or other independent media players.

If your presentation includes video content, please embed the video into your PowerPoint file in advance and play it using PowerPoint's built-in video controls.

The slide Management system supports the following video playback methods:

- Videos embedded directly in the PowerPoint file;
- Local video files linked within the PowerPoint file.

We recommend using common mainstream video formats such as MP4 or WMV. If you are unsure whether your video format is supported, please visit the Slide Collection Room as early as possible, where professional on-site staff will assist you with testing and troubleshooting.

3. Presenter View

The on-site presentation system does not support PowerPoint Presenter View.

During your presentation, the display on the computer and the projection screen will be the same. If you need speaker notes, prompts, or a presentation script, please print a hard copy in advance and bring it with you.



Information for Oral Presenters

4. PowerPoint Layout Ratio

All session rooms are equipped with display and projection devices using a **16:9** aspect ratio. Please prepare your presentation file in 16:9 format whenever possible.

If your file is prepared in another aspect ratio, black bars may appear on the sides or at the top and bottom during playback. However, the content will not be stretched or distorted.

II. How to Bring Your Presentation File

After preparing your final presentation file, please save and bring it to the venue using one or more of the following methods:

- USB flash drive, portable hard drive, or other storage device;
- Cloud storage download;
- Email attachment or downloadable link.

We recommend preparing at least one backup method in case of file damage, device recognition issues, or unstable network access.

III. Slide Testing and Upload Requirements

The Congress will use a unified slide Management system to manage all presentation files. To ensure smooth playback, please make sure to arrive at the Slide Collection Room corresponding to your session room area **at least 2 hours before your scheduled presentation** to complete file upload and playback testing.

Please check the exact time, session room, and area of your presentation in advance. Then, according to the official room-area layout map provided by the Congress, proceed to the corresponding Slide Collection Room.

The venue is divided into two session room areas, and each area will have one Slide Collection Room. Please go to the Slide Collection Room assigned to the area where your session room is located, so as to avoid delays caused by going to the wrong area.

Location:

Speaker Slide Collection Room 1: Conference Center, 3rd Floor

Speaker Slide Collection Room 2: Expo Center, Hall 5, 1st level Lobby



Information for Poster Presenters

Please be informed that posters will be printed and exhibited by the committee - please refrain from printing them on your own. You may go to the designated area at the scheduled time and locate your poster by its number.

Location:

Expo Center, Hall 4, 1st level, Poster Area

Time:

Poster session: June 8-11 15:30-16:30, June 12 15:00-16:30

Here is the floor plan of the Poster Area. Please locate your poster by its number.

You may check your poster number in the poster session section on pages 351-415.

Information for Poster Presenters

Expo Center, Hall 4, 1st level, Poster Area

Row 4 No. 353 - No. 372
Row 3 No. 333 - No. 352
Row 2 No. 313 - No. 332
Row 1 No. 293 - No. 312

Zone 5

Row 4 No. 273 - No. 292
Row 3 No. 253 - No. 272
Row 2 No. 233 - No. 252
Row 1 No. 213 - No. 232

Zone 4

Row 4 No. 193 - No. 212
Row 3 No. 173 - No. 192
Row 2 No. 153 - No. 172
Row 1 No. 133 - No. 152

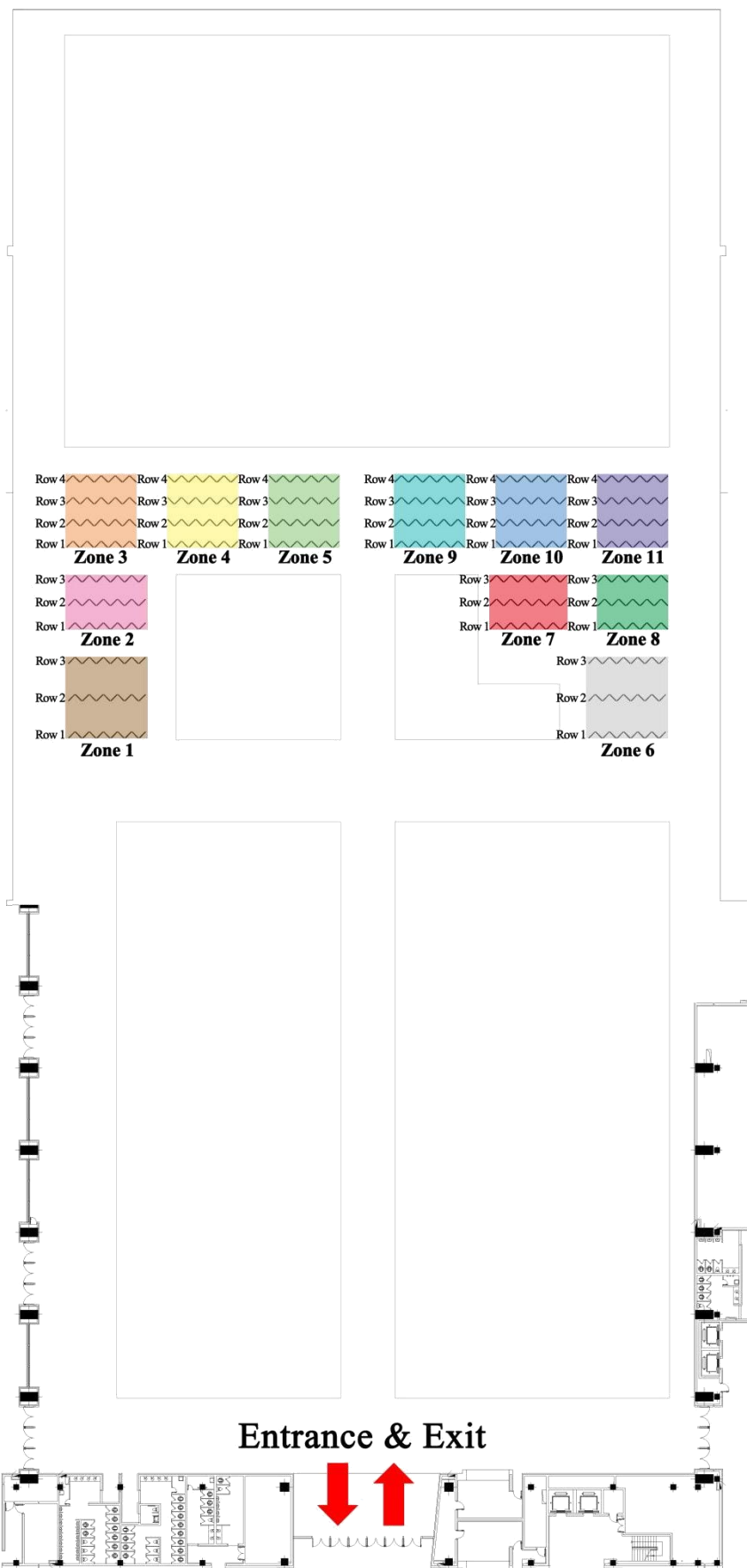
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Row 1 No. 067 - No. 088

Zone 2

Row 3 No. 045 - No. 066
Row 2 No. 023 - No. 044
Row 1 No. 001 - No. 022

Zone 1



Row 4 No. 785 - No. 804
Row 3 No. 765 - No. 784
Row 2 No. 745 - No. 764
Row 1 No. 725 - No. 744

Zone 11

Row 4 No. 705 - No. 724
Row 3 No. 685 - No. 704
Row 2 No. 665 - No. 684
Row 1 No. 645 - No. 664

Zone 10

Row 4 No. 625 - No. 644
Row 3 No. 605 - No. 624
Row 2 No. 585 - No. 604
Row 1 No. 565 - No. 584

Zone 9

Row 3 No. 545 - No. 564
Row 2 No. 525 - No. 544
Row 1 No. 505 - No. 524

Zone 8

Row 3 No. 483 - No. 504
Row 2 No. 461 - No. 482
Row 1 No. 439 - No. 460

Zone 7

Row 3 No. 417 - No. 438
Row 2 No. 395 - No. 416
Row 1 No. 373 - No. 394

Zone 6



Sessions Overview

The congress will feature 8 Plenary Speeches and 15 Featured Talks.

Over 2,000 oral presentations to be delivered, along with around 800 poster presentations.

These will comprehensively showcase the latest research achievements and cutting-edge developments in soil science.

Plenary Speeches will be held during three time slots:

- June 8 | 10:15-12:15
- June 11 | 09:00-11:00
- June 12 | 13:30-14:30

Poster sessions will be held during four time slots:

- June 8 | 15:30-16:30
- June 9 | 15:30-16:30
- June 11 | 15:30-16:30
- June 12 | 15:00-16:30

To encourage active participation and enhance the quality of poster presentations, and to elevate their significance in academic communication, the congress will introduce a Best Poster Award, with a total of 120 awards. The list of winners will be announced at the closing ceremony, and electronic certificates will be sent via email to the awardees after the event.