

Possible future directions in soil and ecosystem research

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Better understanding of soil is fundamental to enhance sustainability of humankind, to conserve natural environment, and to predict/manage future earth environment. Thus, soil scientists can and should play bigger role beyond the field of agricultural science and collaborate more with the scientists of other disciplines. We will discuss possible future directions that we could take to better understand soil processes in earth system's context.

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