

## Soil Science cluster coordinator position

The Soil Science chair groups are looking for a new Soil Science Cluster coordinator. We are looking for someone with a good knowledge of the soil science domain, but who has a strong aptitude for organisation, connecting people and communication to both internal and external communities. The soil science cluster is made up of the four soil science chair groups within Wageningen University (Soil Biology, Soil Chemistry, Soil Physics and Land Management and Soil Geography and Landscape), with a vision of enabling more sustainable use and management of soil resources for improved quality of life and a resilient environment. Our mission is to advance understanding of dynamic interactions between physical, biological and chemical soil properties and processes across a landscape continuum, and impacts of land use and management on soil quality and ecosystem functioning.

The cluster consists of five research lines which are cross-cutting across the four soil science chair groups, and are led by research line leaders (two per research line), who are based in the different soil science chair groups.

The soil cluster coordinator position will be 0.4 FTE and the successful applicant will be based in one of the four chair groups (this is decided in combination with the applicant). The Cluster Coordinator will work with the chair holders and research line leaders of the four soil science groups to ensure collaboration across the four chair groups, respond to upcoming societal issues, contribute to organisation of the cluster for peer review processes and maintain communication resources for both internal and external communities on the activities of the cluster. It is the role of the Cluster Coordinator to:

### **Organise and contribute to the regular meetings within the cluster**

- Meetings with chair holders 1 per month
- Meetings with RL leaders 1 per month
- Topical meetings related to the cluster (3-4 times per year)
- Meetings with PhD students – 1 per year
- Meetings with Lab responsible persons – 1 per year

### **Communication- internal and external**

- Organisation of cluster coffee sessions for staff across the four soil science groups every few months
- Support the research line leaders in organising research line meeting updates when needed (twice per year for each research line).
- Updates internally via email or via the intranet to staff
- Updates and management of the Soil Science cluster website and Soil Science cluster twitter accounts
- Leaflets about the Soil Science cluster facilities together with lab managers

### **Collaborations**

- Outreach activities: organizing with cluster staff outreach activities (World soil day, weekend of science etc..),
- Contact person for cluster supported initiatives e.g. Soil and culture post-graduate course development, Wageningen Biodiversity initiative, Ludi soli game, Wageningen Student Farm
- Contact with graduate schools (PE&RC and WIMEK), research institutes (ISRIC, WEnR) etc
- Attending meetings useful for the Soil cluster (e.g. Open Science Day, EUSO meetings, soil mission meetings, science communication group...)

If you are interested in this position, please contact your chair holder and discuss with them your interest. If you are currently not based in one of the soil science chair groups, please contact Marnella van der Tol ([marnella.vandertol@wur.nl](mailto:marnella.vandertol@wur.nl)). We will be looking to appoint the new coordinator at the end of January, so please let us know if you are interested by the 20<sup>th</sup> January at the latest.

Chair group contacts:

SLM – Coen Ritsema

SOC – Rob Comans

SGL – Jakob Wallinga

SBL – Rachel Creamer