

The Soil Biology group presents:

# Wageningen Worm Charming Championship

"Worm charming" is the art of attracting worms from the ground by applying techniques that involve vibrating the soil

## When

21 April 2022  
16:00 hr

## Where

Unifarm  
Bornsesteeg 48  
6708PE Wageningen

## Registration

WageningenWormCC@gmail.com  
(Registration deadline:  
6 April 2022)



16:00 Arrival; plot allocation  
16:30 Start of competition  
17:00 End of competition,  
"Surprise" tour & Free drinks  
17:30 Award ceremony  
19:00 The end



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# The 10 rules of Worm Charming



1. Each team (up to 5 persons max.) to operate in a 3 m x 3 m plot; no more than 2 competitors allowed in the plot at one time.
2. Lots to be drawn to allocate plots; competitors to keep clear of competitions plots until given the instruction "Get to your Plots".
3. Duration of competition to be 30 minutes, starting at 16:30 sharp.
4. Worms **may not be dug** from the soil. Vibrations only to be used, i.e. no drugs or water.
5. Any form of unamplified music may be used to charm the worms out of the soil. **Fancy dress** may exert additional mystic powers over the worms.
6. A garden fork (bring your own!) of normal type may be stuck into the ground and vibrated by any manual means to encourage worms to the surface.
7. Garden forks to be suitably covered to prevent possible injury when being transported to and from the competition. No accidents please!
8. Each team may collect worms from their own plot only; worms to be **handled carefully** and collected in a named container provided by the organizing committee.
9. A hand bell to be rung about five minutes before the end of the competition.
10. The team "charming" the most worms wins; in the event of a tie, the winner to be decided by a further five minutes charming.

*These rules are inspired by the "official rules from the World Worm Charming Championship" (<http://www.wormcharming.com/rules/>).*

Charmed worms to be released (alive!) in our "Earthworm Hotel" on the day after the event.

**Special Prizes** will be awarded for highest number of total earthworms collected, highest number of *A. Rosea* collected, most original charming method & most original costume.

