

# PROGRAMME FOR EXCURSION NR. 1

## Wageningen Campus excursion

The excursion starts at ISRIC World Soil Museum, after which we will visit the new eco-friendly NIOO-KNAW building with its laboratories. We are treated for a lunch at the WEPAL laboratories and a guided tour. The excursion will be concluded by a SoilCares demo.

The first excursion point will be **ISRIC-World Soil Information**. Since 1966 this institute is serving the international community as custodian of world soil data and information. During a guided tour through the **ISRIC World Soil Museum** you will be able to explore the largest soil monolith collection in the world, and learn how soils are connected to global challenges. Please visit [isric.org](http://isric.org) for more information.

After this visit, we will have a short walk to the **The Netherlands Institute of Ecology, (NIOO-KNAW)**, where we will have a coffee break, a film and a guided tour.

The NIOO-KNAW studies the effect of nature in all its many forms. It is, therefore, only fitting that ecological processes and the dynamics of nature themselves influenced the design and construction of their new premises. The NIOO-KNAW has been based in Wageningen since early 2011. For the construction, the Wageningen University (WUR) provided over four acres of land near the campus and in the heart of the Wageningen green knowledge center. The complex of the NIOO comprises a main building with laboratories and offices and various outbuildings such as greenhouses.

At **WEPAL** (Wageningen Evaluating Programmes for Analytical Laboratories) we will enjoy lunch, an introduction and a tour showing the premises and the preparation of the samples used in proficiency testing schemes. Wepal is a world-leading organiser of proficiency testing (PT) programs in the fields plants, soil, sediments and organic waste. We are organising this for over 50 years and currently have over 500 participants in these PT schemes in countries all over the world. A wide variety of samples from the PT programs are also available as reference material.

After the WEPAL-tour we return to Wageningen Campus, Gaia building, for a demo of **SoilCares soil testing solutions** (SoilCares Soil Scanner and SoilCares Lab-in-a-Box).

This trip will leave at the Hof van Wageningen on 08.30 hrs and return at the Hof van Wageningen around 15.30 hours.

***This excursion will be guided by Titia Mulder***

- ***World Soil Museum: Stephan Mantel / NIOO: Gerard Korthals / WEPAL: Winnie van Vark***
- ***Organization Contact: Karin Schipper***

Max. 25 participants

**Programme (approx.):**

- 08.30 hrs: Bus departure (nr. 1) at Hof van Wageningen, 08.45 Hotel de Wageningsche Berg
- 09.00 Gaia/Lumen building, Wageningen Campus
- 09.00-10.30: Guided tour of ISRIC World Soil Museum
- 10.30: Short walk to NIOO
- 10.45-11.00: Coffee break at NIOO
- 11.00-12.15: Guided tour at NIOO
- 12.15: Departure bus to WEPAL
- 12.30-13.00: Lunch at WEPAL
- 13.00-14.00: Guided tour at WEPAL
- 14.15: Departure Bus to Gaia building
- 14.30-15.15: Visit SoilCares-exhibition, hall Gaia, cold drinks
- 15.15: Bus departure to the Wageningsche Berg/Hof van Wageningen
- 15.30: Return at the Hof van Wageningen/Wageningsche Berg

**This excursion has some short walking but will be mostly indoors. Still we advise you to wear watertight easy shoes and bring rainclothes with you. The average temperature in August is 18-20 degrees Celsius, with a fair possibility of rainfall.**

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