



**SOIL EROSION
RESEARCH FOR
THE 21st CENTURY**

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Welcome to Honolulu

Soil erosion researchers from around the world have helped the American Society of Agricultural Engineers SW-223 Committee organize this special international symposium on Soil Erosion Research for the 21st Century to be held in Honolulu. We plan for this conference to be much more than just a setting for presentations on state-of-the-art research. This gathering of worldwide erosion experts will also be an opportunity for reflection, challenge, vision, sharing, and setting a new course for soil erosion science.

The conference has a variety of sessions that will provide all participants the opportunity to share their knowledge and ideas. The symposium program begins with presentations and challenges from three outstanding keynote speakers on wind erosion modeling and control, water erosion modeling and control, and soil erosion quantification techniques. Panel sessions will facilitate discussion of these three major topics and provide focus for meeting participants to discuss erosion research in small groups. Individual lecture and poster presentations should provide everyone with information on current erosion research efforts. A half-day mid-meeting tour and an optional post-meeting tour will provide participants the opportunity to view first-hand erosion and sedimentation problems and solutions under tropical conditions.

One of the goals of this erosion research symposium is to provide information to individuals, groups, and agencies about needed directions for soil erosion research activities and funding. The recommendations from the panels and small group discussions will be summarized and provided to the meeting participants, sponsoring groups, and other interested private and public organizations.

I know that you will want to participate in this unique and exciting symposium. I look forward to seeing you in Honolulu next January.

Dennis C. Flanagan, Chairman