

# Cross-Institute Programme for Sustainable Soil Function

## SoilCIP

Newsletter for May 2010



### Grants won

Roland Bol (PI) and Jenni Dungait (Co-I) awarded ~£160K as part of joint NERC AFI proposal with University of Manchester and British Antarctic Survey 'Relating fungal functional diversity to C-cycling in sub-and Maritime Antarctic soils.' Commencing 07/2011.

Alan Puttock was awarded a summer fellowship with the Seville LTER to support summer fieldwork campaign.

### Measures of esteem

Jenni Dungait has been asked by Nick Talbot to become an Honorary Research Fellow of Biosciences at the University of Exeter.

Martin Blackwell has been appointed Associate Editor for the journal 'Grass and Forage Science.'

Jon Williams poster the 'Fate of lignin in the soil-water continuum' won one of the 2 student poster prizes at BMSS Iso-SIG & SIMSUG meeting at Exeter University Exeter, May 27-30<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Roland Bol was appointed to the management board of the SIBAE Cost action (for WP1).

Lianhai Wu recently visited China Agricultural University, Beijing Forestry University (BFU), Henan Agricultural University and Henan Administration Bureau of Meteorology. He gave three invited presentations during a recent visit to China: 'System modelling on soil-plant-atmosphere continuum' at the College of Resources and Environment of China Agricultural University on 6 April; 'SPACSYS: a simulation model of C, N and water cycling in SPAC system with 3D root architecture' at the College of Information and Management Science of Henan Agricultural University on 14 April and at Henan Administration Bureau of Meteorology on 15 April.



**British Soil Science Society**

**South-West England Soils Discussion Group (SWESDG)**

**Summer Meeting, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010**

**Wilkins Seminar Room, North Wyke Research**

**SOIL MICROBIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS IN ORGANIC FARMING  
SYSTEMS**

The cost of the meeting (to include lunch and refreshments) will be £10.00, payable by cheque or cash on the day.

**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, PLEASE REGISTER BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO [r.parkinson@plym.ac.uk](mailto:r.parkinson@plym.ac.uk). The closing date for registration is 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

Keith Goulding, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010