12th International Symposium on
Plant Soil Interactions at Low pH (PSILPH)
Global Challenges of Acid-Soil-Agriculture for the Sustainable Future

Second Announcement

The 12th International Symposium on Plant-Soil Interactions at Low pH (PSILPH)
October 27-31, 2026. Gifu, Japan
https://psilph2026.com/





Invitation:

You are invited to participate in the 12th International Symposium on Plant-Soil Interactions at Low pH (12th PSILPH), which will be held during October 27-31, 2026 in Gifu, Japan.

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Background:

About half of the world's potential arable land is acidic. This soil type severely suppresses the growth of various crops due to "Acid Soil Syndrome," which is the most serious threat to global agriculture. It consists of complex stress factors, such as an excess of toxic minerals like aluminum and manganese and a deficiency of essential nutrients like phosphorus. The severity of the syndrome fluctuates depending on soil type, crop tolerance, and management practices. In 1987, the First International Symposium on Plant-Soil Interactions at Low pH (PSILPH) was held in Canada to find solutions to address this issue. Since then, the symposium has been held every three to four years in different countries, including the United States (1990), Australia (1993), Brazil (1996), South Africa (2001), Japan (2004), China (2008), India (2012), Croatia (2015), Malaysia (2018), and China (2023, postponed due to the global pandemic). We are now pleased to inform you that the 12th PSILPH meeting will be held in Gifu in October 2026. We look forward to having you share the most exciting research on acid soils.

Symposium Objectives:

The 12th International Symposium on Plant-Soil Interactions at Low pH will provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge, creation of ideas, and promoting friendships among professionals to provide a good scenario to solve agricultural problems in agriculture in acid

soils. The theme of the 12th PSILPH symposium is "Global Challenges of Acid-SoilAgriculture for the Sustainable Future"

Symposium Topics and Sessions:

We welcome all presentations relevant to the PSILPH field. Session will be organized following listed four sessions (A) – (D), namely:

A) Plant/Crop Science

B) Soil Science

C) Agronomy

D) Other Topics

The sessions will address the below topics, which cover a wide range of issues related to Acid Soil Syndrome and its management in agriculture. When registering, please select one session (above) and one topic (below), respectively. In addition, presentation format (Oral, Poster) can be selected at registration.

1. Physiological and molecular mechanisms of plant adaptation to acid soils
2. Nutrient utilization of crops on acid soils
3. Genetics and breeding of crops for acid soils
4. Mechanism and prediction of soil acidification
5. Soil-microbe-plant interactions on acid soils
6. Amelioration and fertilization of acid soils
7. Sustainable utilization and management of agricultural and natural ecosystems on acid soils
8. Forestry and agroforestry management on acid soils
9. Effects of soil acidity on food quality and human health
10. Other related topics (e.g. acid soil related economics)

Please note that due to limited time and space, we may not be able to accommodate all requests for your preferred presentation format (Oral / Poster presentation).

Important Dates:

Early-Bird registration before August 31, 2026

Abstract submission: before September 14, 2026

Preliminary Schedule:

Dates & Venue	Symposium Program
Tuesday Afternoon, 27 October 2026 (Miyako Hotel)	Registration and Welcome Reception

Wednesday, 28 October 2026 （Nagaragawa Convention Center)	Opening session, Plant/Crop Science Session, Posters
Thursday, 29 October 2026 （Nagaragawa Convention Center)	Plant/Crop Science (Contd.), Soil Science and Agronomy Session, Posters Time at Leisure International Steering committee meeting Banquet (Miyako Hotel）
Friday, 30 October 2026 （Miyako Hotel）	Soil Science and Agronomy Science section (Contd.) Poster Award Closing Session
Saturday, 31 October 2026	Excursion Tour (Mino and Seki Cities)
Sunday, 1 November 2026	Departure

Symposium format:
The symposium consists of plenary lectures, keynote speakers, oral presentations, and poster presentations.

Excursion tour:
A one-day excursion tour is also planned. This excursion explores three outstanding cultural assets in Gifu, Japan, showcasing traditional technologies recognized at national and international levels.

VISIT GIFU:The Nagara River – How Traditional Crafts and Cultures Thrive Thanks to Abundant, Clear Waters

In Seki City—one of the world's leading cutlery centers alongside Sheffield (UK) and Solingen (Germany)—participants will experience Japanese swordsmithing at the Seki Cutlery Museum. This craft is registered as a National Registered Intangible Cultural Property and has a history of over 800 years. Hamonoya Sansyu - Seki Knife Museum | sightseeing spot | Japan

We will also visit the production area of Honminoshi (UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage; Important Intangible Cultural Property of Japan, 1,300+ years), with a hands-on experience at the Mino Washi no Sato Kaikan. MINO-WASHI Museum

Finally, we will walk through the historic Udatsu no Agaru Townscape, an Important Preservation District featuring traditional merchant houses, including former sake breweries

designated as Important Cultural Properties. Townscape with Udatsu (traditional roof eaves) | Sightseeing/Tour | Mino City Tourism Association

Registration Fees:

All payments must be made in Japanese Yen (JPY).

Early-Bird Registration (By August 31, 2026):

Regular Delegate: 70,000 JPY
Student Delegate: 40,000 JPY
Accompanying Person: 30,000 JPY

Standard Registration (By September 30, 2026):
Regular Delegate: 80,000 JPY
Student Delegate: 50,000 JPY
Accompanying Person: 40,000 JPY

Late Registration (October 1 – 4, 2026):
Regular Delegate: 90,000 JPY
Student Delegate: 60,000 JPY
Accompanying Person: 50,000 JPY

Excursion Tour (Optional) (Kindly complete your registration first.)
The Excursion Tour on October 31 requires a separate registration fee.
Tour Fee: 16,000 JPY

Regular and Student Registration Fee covers: Conference materials, admission to all scientific sessions, welcome party, coffee breaks, lunches, and the Banquet.

Accompanying Person Registration Fee covers: Welcome party, lunches, and the Banquet. Please note that accompanying persons are not entitled to attend any scientific sessions.

Visa Information:

Participants may need a visa to enter Japan, except for those from visa-exempt countries. Please visit the Exemption of Visa page on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website to check if you need to obtain a visa.
Exemption of Visa (Short-Term Stay) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

If you require a visa, please contact your local Japanese Embassy or Consulate for exact details on the application procedure as soon as possible. The Organizing Committee can assist by providing a Letter of Invitation and other necessary documents. Please Contact Us to request these documents for your application.

NOTE:

It is the attendee's responsibility to apply for a valid entry visa.

The Organizing Committee of the Symposium cannot apply for a visa on behalf of participants and can only assist by providing the required invitation documents.

Depending on your nationality, you may be eligible to apply for a visa online through the JAPAN eVISA system.
The JAPAN eVISA system (electronic visa) | Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

Venues:

All events will take place at two adjacent venues.

Day 1 – Check-in and Welcome Reception（14：00～）: Miyako Hotel Gifu Nagaragawa
Day 2 & Day 3 – Check-in and Symposium: Nagaragawa Convention Center
Day 3 – Banquet（18；00～）: Miyako Hotel Gifu Nagaragawa
Day 4 – Symposium, Closing Session
Day 5 – Symposium Excursion Tour

[Official] Miyako Hotel Gifu Nagaragawa| Hotel located on the banks of the Nagaragawa River [Lowest price accommodation with Miyako Plus]

Nagaragawa Convention Center –
岐阜のシンボルである長良川と金華山を取り込み、造形的にもユニークなコンベンション施設

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