**Invitation to cooperation**

The editors and designers of the Photosoil visual database of soils and ecosystems invite all the interested owners of soil-related photographs for cooperation. We would be pleased to publish your images in case these fit to the categories available in the database. Your profile shall be created in the Photo content authors section and tied to all your photographs. As well, your personal details shall be woven into exif-data of the photograph for the purpose of non-repudiation of origin in case your image has been copied by an external person.

Please contact the editor-in-chief in case of issues related to the publication of photographs: Loyko Sergey, e-mail: [s.loyko@yandex.ru](mailto:s.loyko@yandex.ru) ; [s.loyko86@gmail.com](mailto:s.loyko86@gmail.com)

Terms and conditions of the photo content publication:

– to place images and create a photo gallery, 4 or more images that fit one of the database category (soil profiles, soil morphological elements, and soil dynamics) is required. It is possible to publish photo schemes that illustrate spatial relations between soil morphological elements.

– images shall be of high quality in the .jpeg format with sufficient sharpness, natural white balance, and a shot composed with a clear identification of the filmable item. The images may show location of various marks facilitating or explaining the perception of information.

– we place photo content in the database with no compression in the initial quality, but we compress images in case these exceed 15-20 Mb in size.

– photographs of soil profiles shall have a dimensional scale; it is desirable to use it with the images of soil morphological elements.

– images planned for sending shall be supplied by a file with accompanying information listed below. The number of the photograph shall coincide with the number of the item, for which the accompanying information is provided. If you wish your photo content to be displayed in the English version of the website, it is necessary to supplicate the information (at least the main points) in English.

– the author shall send his/her picture (is desired) and brief personal details to be placed in the website.

– the best way is to preliminary contact the editor-in-chief and demonstrate the images for evaluating the possibility of their publication (quality).

**Information to the image**

(\* and **bold-face type** mean points mandatory to fill in)

**1) Photo file name\*:**

**2) Category of image (Soil profiles, Soil morphological elements, Soil dynamics)\*:**

**3) Authors of the photographic materials\*:**

4) Georeferencing:

5) Location of the object in relief:

**6) Geographical coordinates of the image location (gps) necessary for tying-in to the map\*:**

7) Plant community:

8) Soil features:

9) Adjacent components of the soil cover (for soil profiles, it is possible to provide both data and images in order to generate hyperlinks, having preliminarily placed such conjugated items to the database. In this case, it is necessary to provide numbers of images or references to photographs if these were published earlier):

10) General comments:

**11) Natural zone\*:**

**12) Name of the soil as per Classification of soils in Russia (2004/2008) and WRB (2014)\*:**

In case of facing troubles please indicate this. Probably, the soil could not be identified. Anyhow, it has to be given some tentative name in order to prevent the image from being lost in the database.

Each photograph could be supplied with additional images, for example, of vegetation, side wall of the cross-section, etc. In this case, the name of such files shall coincide with the main file and have some additional symbols. The names are necessary for the additional images so that the visitors could understand, what is shown in these images.