



VIRTUAL SOIL JUDGING COMPETITION 2020

Sponsored by BeneTerra

Monday, November 30 at 12.00 – 1.30 pm AEST (Qld time)

Format

The competition will be conducted via zoom sessions organised by the SSA Federal Office. Universities will register teams as per normal.

The competition will comprise two virtual team 'pits' and one individual pit.

Participants will be provided with all necessary materials at the beginning of the sessions. Each session will run for one (1) hour. Due to the virtual format, some data will be pre-filled on the profile description sheets – specifically colour and texture. As per previous competitions, relevant soil chemistry data will also be provided.

The 'virtual pit' will be comprised of multiple photographs of a soil pit. There will be a photograph of the whole pit face as well as close-ups of sections of it. Scale will be provided.

Requirements will be similar to a normal competition i.e. describe the profile, classify the profile and determine suitability for land uses. As per previous competitions, participants will be provided with a handbook prior to the competition.

This year, the competition will also be open to under-35 professionals, who will be able to participate as individuals (no teams).

Registrations close Saturday 28 November.

The handbook will be available on the website shortly.

Practice

- Two practice sessions will be held (by Zoom) in the week before the competition
Wednesday 25 November 2020 12.00 pm to 1.30 pm AEST
Friday 27 November 2020 12.00 pm to 1.30 pm AEST
- Practice sessions will run for about one (1) hour and be led by one of the organising committee members.

Prizes

As per normal Soil judging Competition with an additional prize for under 35 professionals:

- Best individual (and 2nd & 3rd)
- Best team (and 2nd & 3rd)
- Best overall (the Bennison Trophy)
- Best under-35 individual

Winners will be announced during World Soil Day events on Friday 4 December 2020.

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