



International Symposium on  
**Loess, soils and climate change in southern Eurasia**  
**Gorgan, Northern Iran**  
**15 – 19 October 2014**

and  
**Post-excursion to the Basin of Persepolis, Zagros Mountains**  
**20 – 22 October 2014**

**1<sup>st</sup> circular**

The 5-day international symposium will start with two days of conference including key-note lectures and scientific sessions on loess and climate change in southern Eurasia, the potential and degradation of loess-derived soils and methods in loess research.

Three days of fieldtrips will be offered to the loess-covered foothills of Alborz Mountains, the so-called Iranian Loess Plateau and the alluvial plain of Gorgan River including the shore of the Caspian Sea. Due to a pronounced climatic gradient, the aeolian deposits, soils and vegetation cover are quite diverse in these forest or steppe landscapes.

A three-day post-excursion (20 – 22 October 2014) will be organised to the Basin of Persepolis located within the heartland of Persia, where we will visit interesting exposures in loess-like sediments, the beautiful city of Shiraz, and last not least, the famous palace of Persepolis.

Further information regarding the venue and topics of scientific sessions, abstract submission, accommodation and excursions will be published in the 2<sup>nd</sup> circular in January 2014.

We would be very happy to welcome you in Gorgan!

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