OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE
Runoff and soil erosion are among the major environmental threats related to agricultural and forest land uses in Europe. The main consequences of erosion are not only on-site: soil degradation, declining soil fertility, limiting infiltration capacity and water storage. Off-site impacts include eutrophication of watercourses and lakes, destruction of wildlife habitats, siltation of dams, reservoirs, rivers, and property damage by flooding (muddy floods). Runoff prevention and soil protection have beneficial effects in reducing flood risk, especially against a background of climate change.

The main aim of this final conference of the COST Action 634 (2004-2008) is to present the achievements of the action and to discuss the results of soil erosion research in the context of land management and policy formulation that encourage soil protection and reduce the on-and off-site impacts of runoff and erosion; identify and analyse the barriers for effective soil protection at all levels (scientific, political, administrative and management), develop tools and methods to support decision making in the sustainable management of erosion-sensitive areas at the farm level; develop an integrated understanding of on-and off-site impacts at the catchment scale.

CONFERENCE FOCUS TOPICS
WG1
The challenge of implementing soil conservation
• Sustainable Land Use,
• Policy Issues,
• Attitudes towards soil conservation practices

WG2
Sustainable Farm-Scale Management

WG3
Sediment Sources and Sinks

Special Session
Runoff and erosion modelling, socio-economic & policy issues in areas subject to forest fires

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**DRAFT PROGRAM**

Mon, 30th June:    Arrival and registration  
                  Ice-breaking reception  
                  Steering Committee meeting

Tues, 1st July:    WG1 & WG2 plenary sessions  
                  ,, ,, poster session

Wed, 2nd July:    Field trip to Aveiro region

Thurs, 3rd July:  WG3 plenary session  
                  Special fire-related session  
                  WG3 & Special poster sessions

Fri, 4th July:    Departure

**ACCOMODATION & TRAVEL**

Information on accommodation and travel to Aveiro will be available with the second circular

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract (max. 500 words): February 15, 2008  
Notification of acceptance:        April 2, 2008  
Early registration deadline:      May 15, 2008  
Final conference program:         June 15, 2008

The abstract should be send by e-mail, preferably in PDF format, to cost634aveiro@dao.ua.pt with request for receipt notification.

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**Registration fee**

100 € for PhD students  
150 € for all other participants until May 15th, 2008  
200 € after May 15th, 2008

(includes field trip, lunches, refreshments, conference materials and conference dinner)

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