

Dear Colleagues.

Next week we will host Jaclyn Fiola and Caroline Wolcott from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA. Both are working in the research group of last year's Fulbright Visiting Professor in our department, Prof. Ryan Stewart, School of Plant and Environmental Sciences. The research group focuses on identifying and quantifying interactions between water, soil, and plant communities. This work involves a combination of fieldwork, laboratory analysis, and modelling.

Jaclyn and Caroline consider themselves soil health researchers in the broader sense, and Jaclyn will be giving a talk (45 minutes max):

"Eastern U.S. soil and water management: vineyards and undergraduate student training"

Tuesday, March 7 at 15:30 in HS A (Botany)

I would be pleased if some of you would be interested.

Afterwards, a come-together is planned in HS B (or outside if the weather is nice) to continue the discussions and a possible exchange.

Sorry for the short notice, but funding and the possibility for Jaclyn and Caroline to come to Europe was uncertain until a few days ago - I know, hard to believe...

All the best,

Georg Leitinger