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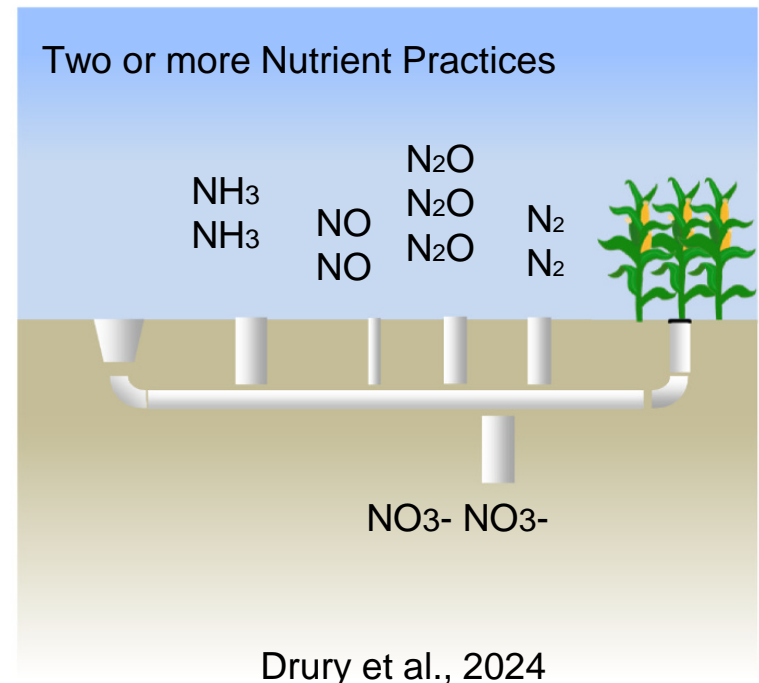
**Croplands Research Group
Co-Chairs' Report**

Hero Gollany

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RECENT ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Four webinars this year. The last webinar for the year from Spain will be in December 2024. Agroecology and Policy, Balancing Climate Change.
- ❖ Webinar in June 2024: “Stacking 4R Practices with Conservation Agriculture to Mitigate Nitrous Oxide Emissions”. [Craig Drury](#), Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada, and [Diego Abalos](#), Aarhus University, Department of Agroecology, Denmark).



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RECENT ACTIVITIES:



WEBINAR | MONDAY, 4 MARCH 2024

- ❖ Webinar in March 2024: “Co-benefits and Tradeoffs of Agricultural Mitigation and Adaptation in Rice Based Cropping Systems” CRG & AgMIP ([Roberto Valdivia](#), Oregon State University, USA, [Sonali McDermid](#), New York University, NASA-GISS, USA, [Tao Li](#), International Rice Research Institute, IRRI, Philippines, and [Erik Mencos](#), Columbia University, NASA-GISS, USA).
- ❖ A workshop on “Knowledge Gaps in Emission Reporting on cultivated organic soils and managed peatlands”, November 2023: [Simon Weldon](#), NIBIO, Norway, [Fahmuddin Agus](#), BRIN, Indonesia and [Junbin Zhao](#), NIBIO, Norway).

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- ❖ Webinar in November 2023: “Greenhouse Gas Balance of Peatland: Lessons from the Tropics and the North. [Fahmuddin Agus](#), BRIN, Indonesia and [Junbin Zhao](#), NIBIO, Norway).



- ❖ Procinorte online 2024 American Workshop on Soil, Water, and Climate Change: Can Models Guide Our Way. March 14, 2024. [Hero Gollany](#) presented “Research on Field Scale Soil Organic Carbon Modeling Using Long-Term Agricultural Experiments and the Process-Based CQESTR Model.



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Capacity Building

- ❖ Hosted 4 CLIFF-GRADS students at USDA-ARS, in Pendleton, OR, USA: Hero Gollany, hosted Bethel Geremew ([Ethiopia](#)) and Husaain Tajamul ([Pakistan](#)) and were trained on the CQESTR carbon model.
- ❖ Primitiva Andrea Mboyerwa ([Tanzania](#)) and Mercedes Busto ([Argentina](#)) were trained on GHG emissions measurement.



Mercedes Busto taking GHG sample

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RECENT ACTIVITES:

➤ **USA – CLIFF-GRAD Publications:**

Geremew, B., Tadesse, T., Bedadi, B., Gollany, H.T., Tesfaye, K., Aschalew, A. 2023. Impact of land use/cover change and slope gradient on soil organic carbon stock in Anjeni watershed, north-west Ethiopia. Environmental Monitoring and Assessment. 195, Article 971.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10661-023-11537-7>.

➤ Geremew, B., Tadesse, T., Bedadi, B., Gollany, H.T., Tesfaye, K., Aschalew, A., Tilaye, A., Abera, W. 2024. Evaluation of RothC model for predicting soil organic carbon stock in north-west Ethiopia. Environmental Challenges. 15. Article 100909.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envc.2024.100909>.

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- CLIFF-GRAD Publications:
- ❖ Hussain, T., Gollany, H.T., Mulla, D., Ben, Z., Tahir, M., Tahir Ata-Ul-Karim, S., Liu, K., Maqbool, S., Hussain, N., Duangpan, S. 2023. Assessment and application of EPIC in simulating upland rice productivity, soil water, and nitrogen dynamics under different nitrogen applications and planting windows. *Agronomy*. 13(9). Article 2379. <https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy13092379>.
- ❖ [Alice Budai](#) and [Thiago M. Inagaki](#) at [NIBIO, Norway](#) are hosting a CLIFF-GRADS Jane Omenda ([Kenya](#)). Focus on the production of biochar-based fertilizers.
- ❖ [Thiago M. Inagaki](#) and [Eva Farkas](#) are hosting Inviolata Lusweti ([Kenya](#)), and [Junbin Zhao](#) ([NIBIO, Norway](#)) and [Carla Stadler](#) ([CIFCEN, Argentina](#)) are also involved in GHG measurements and relevant data processing/analysis.

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

➤ USA – USDA NIFA

- The [USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture \(NIFA\)](#) provided ~\$220 million in FY23 funds for competitive and capacity projects to support climate change-related research, education, and Extension.
- NIFA launched in partnership with the National Science Foundation institute hosted at U of Minnesota - [AI Climate, Artificial Institute for Climate-Land Interactions, Mitigation, Adaptation, Tradeoffs and Economy](#)
- NIFA continues to expand support for climate change related work through the [Agriculture and Food Research Initiative](#)

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

➤ **USA** – USDA NIFA (cont.)

- Regional Innovation and Demonstration of Climate-Smart Agriculture for Future Farms funded two projects focused on advanced, precision technologies that reduce GHG emissions
- Extension, Education & USDA Climate Hubs Partnership Program supports collaborations between USDA's 11 Regional [Climate Hubs](#) and Cooperative Extension
- NIFA supported [National Climate Change Roadmap: A Research Framework for Agriculture, Forestry, and Working Lands](#) to inform the next decade of climate-smart agricultural research and education



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GRA Council meeting, Online

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Thank you for your kind attention!

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