**DNHG trip to Soil Museum on Saturday, Jan 18, 2020**

Soils play an important role in all of our natural ecological cycles and ecosystems. The Emirates Soil Museum is a unique facility in the Gulf region where visitors can learn more about the soil story and its importance in the UAE. The museum is located inside the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) at Academic City in Dubai. Outside the Museum, a custom-designed landscape includes a diversity of desert plants and rocks found in the United Arab Emirates. There is also a temporary exhibition going on about Soil Erosion by artists Mohamed Ahli, Anneli Ketterer and Asma Al Ahmad.

For the DNHG, a facilitator and DNHG member Mai Shalaby will provide a tour of the Museum and will introduce the International Center of Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) where the museum is hosted. ICBA is an international, non-profit agricultural research center established in 1999. The research center's core agenda evolve around five pillars: sustainable  natural resources management; climate change adaptation; crop productivity and diversification; aquaculture and bio-energy, and policy analysis. The center addresses the closely linked challenges of ensuring water, environment, income, and food security, all key for a sustainable future in our region.

Don't miss the opportunity to discover this venue during a 120 minutes guided tour, including refreshments. Learn new facts about our region's soils in an interactive, ludic way. Find answers about the hydric status of the UAE, learn whether we can grow quinoa in the UAE, or if dates can be produced with saline water.