

## Preliminary Registration Form

International Conference on Management of Soil  
and Groundwater Salinization in Arid Regions  
Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat,  
January 11-14, 2010

Surname:		
First name:		
Organization/Company		
Postal Address:		
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Telephone:		Fax:
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Please include me in the conference mailing list	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am interested in presenting a paper/poster	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I plan to attend without presenting a paper/poster	

### Proposed title of your paper(s)

- Oral / Poster
- Oral / Poster

### Type of accommodation required

- Single
- Shared room
- Accompanying persons

Please fax/post the registration form or email your registration details to:

Conference Secretariat  
College of Agricultural and Marine Sciences, SQU  
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### ACCOMMODATION

Special rates for conference participants will be negotiated with a range of hotels in all price categories. Transport will be provided from the hotels to the Conference venues.

### INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

SQU will assist in issuing visas to all participants coming from abroad to participate in the Conference.

### ABOUT SQU AND OMAN

The Conference will be held at Sultan Qaboos University (SQU), the premier university in the Sultanate of Oman. The university is situated on a modern campus, located about 15 km from the International Airport. The grounds of the University are sensitively landscaped. The University buildings reflect traditional forms, but are designed to maximize the value of modern materials.

The Sultanate of Oman lies at the crossroads of Africa, Europe and Asia. The capital city, Muscat, provides a captivating blend of the old and new characteristics of this ancient civilization. Increasing numbers of tourists are taking advantage of the desert and coastal scenery, the spectacular mountains and marine eco-tourism. January is an ideal time to experience the sands and seashore of Oman, with pleasant weather conditions (20-24°C and low humidity).



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**Venue:** Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat,  
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## BACKGROUND

Soil and water salinity has emerged as a serious environmental concern of 21<sup>st</sup> century. Can global scientists cope? It is only possible through concerted and collaborated efforts, sharing of knowledge and experience together with dialogue and preparation of environmentally sound and economically feasible strategies for different regions of the world. This conference will provide a platform for the international scientific community to review experiences in different countries where these problems exist. Oman is a country seriously affected with salinity and lack of good quality water. Seawater intrusion is becoming a serious problem. Drying up of Falaj (qanat) systems in many places is also causing concern. Therefore lands are converted for non-agricultural uses. Thus scanty agricultural lands formed over centuries are disappearing rapidly. Similar situations exist in other Gulf countries.

The main objective of this Conference is to bring together scientists, experts and decision makers working in this field to share their knowledge and experience in solving these serious problems.

## CONFERENCE THEMES

- Salinity and environment (Global climatic changes & salinity; Environmental impacts of salinity; Salinity and biodiversity; Desertification)
- Living with salinity: Agronomic Measures (Crop selection; Crop salt tolerance; Modified agricultural systems)
- Living with salinity: Irrigation and Water Management (Leaching methods; Irrigation water quality)
- Socio-Economic aspects of salinization (Social dimensions; Economic considerations and impacts; Policy issues)
- Mapping and monitoring of salinization (Mapping; Remote sensing; Salinity modeling; Case studies)
- Salinity management in Oman and in the region (Case studies from the region)

- Sustainable groundwater management (Seawater intrusion; Groundwater pollution; Geochemistry; Transport in porous media; Artificial recharge; Monitoring and modeling of groundwater quality and quantity)
- Saline oil-production water management

## CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

English will be the official language of the Conference.

## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The international scientific community is cordially invited to indicate their interest in attending the conference and presenting their valuable work. Participants can submit a paper and/or poster to the Organizing Committee by providing a title of the paper and an abstract of no more than 300 words. **Abstracts should be sent to the Conference Secretariat preferably by Email.** There will be dedicated sessions for poster presentations. There will be special awards for Overall Best Posters by scientists and students. Full manuscripts of papers/posters presented will be reviewed for publication. Selected papers presented at this Conference will be published in a special issue of a refereed scientific Journal or an edited book.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for Abstracts submission:  
30 April 2009
- Notification of Abstracts acceptance:  
31 May 2009
- Submission of Full Paper:  
30 September 2009

## COSTS

The registration fee will be US\$ 100 or 40 Omani Rials for those attending the conference. The registration fee covers a conference pack, admission to all sessions, a book of extended abstracts, a digital copy of the conference proceedings, lunches, coffee and tea, the Conference Dinner and Conference Tour.

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