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International Conference on the Use of Space Technology for Water Management
Hosted by
King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST)
And
The Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (PSIPW)
April 12-16 2008, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE:

1. Using space technologies to assist in the water management to increase water resources and mitigate water related environmental problems such as drought, flood, and pollution. Topics will include: rain water harvesting methods, ground water recharge storage basin, sedimentation control in surface water systems, exploration and assessment of ground water, and water demand management in urban areas.
2. Using space technology to detect archaeological irrigation systems such as canal that can be inspired for modern day use to satisfy our needs for water. Those ancient irrigation systems were designed to efficiently deliver large quantities of subterranean water to the surface and allow water to be transported long distances in hot dry climates without losing a large proportion of the source water to seepage and evaporation. The Conference will explore such ancient systems using space technologies such as remote sensing, and how these systems can be used to satisfy modern need of water, particularly to improve land use and agriculture activities, and to increase the search for surface or underground water sources. This is with the effort of linking traditional and ancient methods to modern needs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE:

The Conference will be held in the facilities of:
KACST
KACST Conference Hall, Building # 17
King Abdullah Road
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Tel.: (+966 1) 481-3576 or (+966 1) 4813525
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ARRIVAL TO SAUDI ARABIA

All international flights arrive to King Khalid International Airport which is about 45 km to the City Center of Riyadh City.

Once in the King Khalid International Airport, local representatives will meet the participants and will provide transportation by a car or bus between the airport and the suggested Hotels in the City and between the Hotels and the King Khalid International Airport, at the closure of the Conference.

We will appreciate if the participant delivers the flight's schedule details by e-mail to Mr. Abdulaziz Al-Goson (agoson@kacst.edu.sa) and cc Dr. Mohamed Tarabzouni (mtrabzon@kacst.edu.sa) and cc Mr. Fahad Al-Qurnas (fqurnas@kacst.edu.sa) before April 5th- 7th 2008.



USEFULL INFORMATION:

Riyadh, which lies in the Central Region, is the capital city of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and now rivals any modern city in the world in the splendor of its architecture. Broad highways sweep through the city, passing over or under each other in an impressive and still growing road network. Trees now bedeck the broad streets and avenues, giving pleasure to passers-by and shade to those who linger beneath them. Today the city extends for some 600 square miles (1600 square kilometers) and has a population of more than 5.8 million.

The name Riyadh is derived from the Arabic word meaning a place of gardens and trees ("rawdah"). With many wadis (a former water course, now dry) in the vicinity, Riyadh has been since antiquity a fertile area set in the heartland of the Arabian Peninsula.

Of all the Kingdom's developmental achievements, Riyadh is perhaps the most obvious and accessible to the foreign visitor. From the moment he lands at the King Khalid International Airport, itself a marvel of design wedding the traditional Arab style with the best of modern architecture in a happy marriage of spacious practicality, the traveler is aware that he has reached a city that must be counted one of the wonders of modern times





ACCOMMODATION:

Hotel Al Khozama,
P.O. Box 4148, Olaya Road, Riyadh 11491, Saudi Arabia
T: 966.1.465.4650
F: 966.1.464.8576
Email: alkhozama@rosewoodhotels.com

We had selected a group of hotels providing special rates for the Conference, where we are sure that the participants will have a pleasant stay.

Reservations for self founded participants could be requested directly to the hotels, indicating your status as a participant of the Conference " **UN / UNESCO / Saudi Arabia** ", in order to receive the rates indicated in the list. Please contact the Hotel in due time.

Suggested Hotels in the City of Riyadh

Hotel	Address	Room	Rate in SAR
Al Khozama	Hotel Al Khozama, A Rosewood Hotel P.O. Box 4148, Olaya Road, Riyadh 11491, Saudi Arabia T: +966.1.465.4650 F: +966.1.464.8576 Email: alkhozama@rosewoodhotels.com	Single	600 SAR /night + 15% Service Charges
Al Mutlaq	Al Mutlaq Hotel P.O. Box 3525, King Abdulaziz Road Riyadh, 11481 T: +966 1 4760000 F: +966 14780696 Email: res@hotelalmutlaq.com	Single	400 SAR/night + 15% Service Charges
Dellmon Shrouqu	Dellmon Shrouqu Hotel P.O. Box 65040, Arouba Road Riyadh, 11556 T: +966 1 4800222 F: +966 1 4826379	Single	300 SAR/night

Note: the rates indicated include breakfast.

Those participants receiving financial support from OOSA had a tentative reservation in the Al Khozama Hotel, please confirm with the Hotel including a copy to fournas@kacst.edu.sa.

Note: the Exchange rate which has been used at the date of this table was:
1US\$ / SAR 3.765 and 1 € / SAR 5.846095



General Information Links:

King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology

<http://www.kacst.edu.sa>

Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water

<http://www.psipw.org/>

Rate Exchange:

<http://www.alrajhibank.com.sa/EN/Services/Currency/Currency+Converter/>

Weather Forecast:

<http://www.pme.gov.sa/Today.asp>

About Saudi Arabia

<http://www.riyadh.com/En/>

About the Hotels:

http://www.all-hotels.com/middle_east/saudi_arabia/riyadh_1.htm

