

## Guest Editorial

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The papers presented at the Conference and published in these Proceedings are divided into 5 categories;

- 1. Desert energy**
- 2. Stress biology and desert agriculture**
- 3. Soil and water technologies, combating desertification, remote sensing and GIS**
- 4. Desert human and social sciences societies**
- 5. Biotechnology**

Within each session, a broad diversity of scientific researches, innovative technologies, new applications of technologies and important social perspectives were presented. This reflects the multi disciplinary approach that will be required to address the challenges of sustainable management of desert, arid and semiarid regions

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