

Guest Editorial

The issues (Vol.21, No.2 and Vol.21, No.4) of the Journal of Arid Land Studies contain the Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Arid Land (Desert Technology X), held on May 24 - 27 at Hotel Toyoko-Inn Narita Kuko in Narita and held on May 28 at Tokyo University of Agriculture in Tokyo, Japan.

The papers presented at the Conference and published in these Proceedings are divided into 10 categories;

- (1) Controlling the Alien Invasive Species
- (2) Soil Management
- (3) Valorization of BioResources
- (4) Vegetation
- (5) Hydrology
- (6) Food Production
- (7) Desertification and Meteorology
- (8) Water Management and Energy
- (9) Arid Land Water Cycle
- (10) Culture and Life

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 toward sustainable management of desert, arid and semiarid regions.

The current issue (Vol.21, No.2) contains the proceedings of the Keynote Lectures and Joint International Symposium with JAALS.

The draft manuscripts of papers were reviewed by two anonymous reviewers after Conference, except the memorial papers for Prof. Kobori. Revised versions of the papers were then resubmitted. If the manuscripts were revised satisfactorily, they were accepted for publication.

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