



MOUNTAINS OF THE WORLD ECOLOGY, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**MUSCAT, SULTANATE OF OMAN.
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Conference Announcement and Call for Participation

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Introduction

Center for Environmental Studies and Research (CESAR) at Sultan Qaboos University in association with the Ministry of Regional Municipalities, Environment and Water Resources (MRMEWR) and Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management Society (AEHMS) – Ecovision, North America is organizing this international event.

This conference commemorating the completion of a research project in Northern Oman Mountains intends to bring together a forum of mountain researchers from all over the world to share and communicate the results of their research at this unique venue in the Arabian Peninsula. It welcomes the participation of researchers from both developed and developing countries.

Conference Themes

The suggested themes within the main framework of ecology, conservation and sustainable development are,

- 1) Climate
- 2) Biodiversity
- 3) Rangelands and Animal Resources
- 4) Water Resources
- 5) Soil Resources
- 6) Environmental Impacts
- 7) Management and Policy

Depending on the reception received from potential participants, the above themes are likely to be re-categorized and organized to fit the conference schedule comprising plenary, simultaneous and poster presentations. International authorities on mountain research have been contacted to give keynote addresses.

Support

International organizations that have either pledged support or have expressed a serious intent to provide technical or financial assistance are, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), United Nation Environment Program, Regional Office West Asia (UNEP, ROWA), UNESCO (Paris/Qatar), and TWAS/TWNSO (Trieste, Italy). We are also expecting financial support from the private sector and NGOs.

Registration

The registration fee for a single participant is US \$500/- or its equivalent in any acceptable foreign currency. The student participants will have a reduced fee of U.S. \$ 300/- or its equivalent. This covers all conference material and lunch and coffee breaks. Participants have to pay for accommodation, food outside conference duration, telephone calls and special fieldtrips. Commercial participants, NGOS and other potential exhibitors should also fill the application form and send it to one of the secretariats.

For researchers from developing countries with financial constraints, a limited number of grants may be made available. However, the level of support will depend on the requirements of the applicant and available funding.

The conference secretariat will organize accommodation for participants in local hotels at special discount rates. A variety of accommodation is available in Muscat ranging from budget category to six star hotels. The organizers will recommend hotels closer to the conference venue and provide details in the second circular.

Venue

Sultanate Qaboos University is situated in the Capital Area of Muscat, Sultanate of Oman close to the Seeb International Airport. Its beautiful campus provides an idyllic national and academic backdrop. Its state of the art conference facilities will be used during this conference.

Timing

February in Oman is spring, the best time of the year with very pleasant temperatures (20-30 C) in contrast to very hot temperatures (40-50 C) in summer.

Country

Sultanate Oman is a beautiful country with mountains, deserts and a long coast line. It has several pristine natural locations of scenic and ecological value. A country known for its leadership in environmental conservation in the Arabian Gulf region, it also has very rich culture. The Omani hospitality is next to none with a unique blend of tradition and modernization. Although the conference will be held in Northern Oman, the participants will have opportunities to visit other parts of the country.

Secretariats

This conference is coordinated by two secretariats for the convenience of participants from various geographical locations.

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Important:

- Please reply only to the Secretariat from where you have received this information.
- Further information concerning Conference details, Call for abstracts, Registration and Other forms for booking will only be sent to the respondents of this flyer.

Pre-Registration Form

If you wish to attend this prestigious conference please fill in the following form:

Name
Position
Institution
Address
Telephone
E-mail
Nationality

Do you intend to present a paper

Yes

No

If yes

Oral Presentation

Poster Presentation

Tentative title of your presentation

Do you intend to apply for financial support?

Yes

No

If Yes for what purpose?

Travel

Accommodation

Part Registration

Full Registration

* Financial Assistance Does Not Include Pre Diem

Would you accept partial support?

Yes

No

II Commercial Category

Are you a potential exhibitor?

Yes

No

If yes

Company Name

Address

Telephone

Fax

Email

Nature of your exhibit:

If no – Provide reasons for your intention to participate