

Saudi Arabia  
Saudi Geographical Society



**Meeting program  
of the Arid Lands, Humankind and Environment Commission  
of the International Geographical Union**

**(24-26 APRIL 2007)**

**Place:**

- Theatre (7 a) opposite to the Faculty of Arts-King Saud University (men).
- (39-40), Building (25 b), University Center for the Study of girls-King Saud University (ladies).

**Language: English.**

**First day: Tuesday (24 April 2007)**

9:00: Opening Ceremony: (Recitation from the Holy Koran).

9:10-9:20: Speech by the Chairman of the Saudi Geographical Society: Prof. Mohammad Shawqi bin Ibrahim Makki.

9:20-9:30: Speech by the Chairman of the Commission of Arid Lands, Humankind and Environment of the International Geographical Union: Prof. Mahmoud Mohammad Ashour, Department of Geography, Ain Shams University, Cairo.

**Scientific Meeting:**

**First Session: Protection and Sustainability:**

**Chairman of the Session: Prof. Abdullah bin Nasser Alwelaie**

9:30-10:00: Natural Reserves, Saudi Arabia. His Royal Highness Prince Bandar bin Saud Al Saud (Secretary-General of the National Authority for the Protection and Development of Wildlife).

10:00-10:30: Water Harvest and ways to preserve it.

Prof. Abdul Malik Al-Sheikh (Director of the Center of Prince Sultan for the Studies of Desertification).

**10:30-10:45: Break.**

**Second Session: Protection and Sustainability:**  
**Chairman of the Session: Prof. Mahmoud Mohamed Ashour**

10:45-11:15: A Report on the National Strategy to Combat Desertification.  
Prof. Youssef Alotid (National Authority for the Protection and Development of Wildlife).

11:15-11:45: The Deterioration of the No. of Animals in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Through the ages.  
Prof. Abdullah bin Nasser Alwelaie (Member of the Commission Arid Lands, Humankind, and Environment of the International Geographical Union, Emam Mohamed Ben Saud University, Riyadh).

11:45-12:15: State of Rangelands and Forests in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Ways of their Management and Development.  
Mr. Abdou Asiri. (Director of the Department of Pastures and Forests)

**12:15-12:30: Break: Noon Prayers.**

**Third Session: Protection and Sustainability:**  
**Chairman of the Session: Dr. Assaf Ben Ali Al-Hawas**

12:30-13:00: The Environment and Sustainable Development.  
Prof. Ali bin Mohammad Shiban Arishi (Board Member of the Saudi Geographical Society).

013:00-13:30: The Encroachment of Sand Dunes, and Impediments to Development in Egypt.  
Prof. Nabil Embabi (Member of the Commission Arid Lands, Humankind, and Environment of the International Geographical Union, Department of Geography, Ain Shams University, Cairo).

13:30-14:00: Proposals for Research Projects in the Countries of Arid Lands.  
Prof. Mahmoud Mohammad Ashour (Chair of the Commission Arid Lands, Humankind, and Environment of the International Geographical Union, Department of Geography, Ain Shams University, Cairo).

**14:00 - 14:45: Lunch: Hall senior guests.**

**15:00 - 15:30: PRAYER.**

**Fourth Session: New Technologies:**  
**Chairman of the Session prof. Nader Bin Mohamed Seyam**

15:30-16:00: Changing the Plan by Planning for Change: Late Pleistocene and Holocene Environmental Change Revealed by Historical Records and OSL-dated Fluvial and Lacustrine Sediments in Etosha Pan, Namibia and Lake Ngami, Botswana.  
Dr. George A. Brook (Member of the Commission Arid Lands, Humankind, and Environment of the International Geographical Union, Department of Geography, University of Georgia, USA))

16:00-16:30: New Remote Sensing Data for Geomorphological and Geoarchaeological Research in Arid Regions.  
Dr. Olaf Bubenzer (Secretary of the Commission Arid Lands, Humankind and Environment of the International Geographical Union, Department of Geography, University of Cologne, Germany).

16:30-17:00: New Dating Techniques (Electron Spin Resonance, Optically Stimulated Luminescence)  
Dr. Ulrich Radtke (Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Department of Geography, University of Cologne, Germany).

17:00-17:30: Geomorphological and Climatological Questions in Northeast Africa.  
Dipl.-Geogr. M. Ritter (Department of Geography, University of Cologne, Germany).

**17:30: Return to the hotel and free time.**

**20:00: Dinners at the hotel.**

### **Second day: Wednesday (25 April 2007) :**

Scientific trip: Towaiq Mountains (Edge), Al-Qasab Stressors, and visiting the project of the development of wadi Hanifa (Hanifa Valley).

### **Third day: Thursday (26 April 2007):**

**15:30-16:00: Meeting of the Aird Lands, Humankind and the Environment Commission.**

16:00: Farewell to the departing guests.