

Special Issue Devoted to Selected Papers from the 9th Arab Academy of Sciences International Conference on “Water and Energy in Sustainable Food Security”

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Editorial:

This was the 9th international conference organized by the Arab Academy of Sciences that was held in Beirut, Lebanon, December 1–4, 2011. A total of 40 papers were presented during this event dealing with various issues relating to the role of water and energy in food security. It was a stimulating gathering of scientists, researchers and experts from the international scientific community to exchange ideas and research findings, to pass their experiences on to others, network and establish collaborative research. In this special issue of *Int. J. of Thermal & Environmental Engineering*, eight papers are selected, extended beyond the versions presented at the conference, and published. In these papers, a great variety of theory, applications, and methodologies in various areas of water management, energy utilization and sustainability, and their profound link to food security are presented. The editor of this special issue would like to thank the authors for their efforts in providing an extended version of their papers. Also, he would like to express his deep appreciation for the hard work and diligence of the other reviewers that helped in the reviews for *Int. J. of Thermal & Environmental Engineering*. The published papers, the established networking, and collaborative work are amongst the fruitful goals of this conference. We would like personally to thank the Coordinating Editor and Editor-in Chief of the journal, Dr. Bilal Akash, for his willingness in giving us the opportunity to edit this special issue and for his continuous support during the submission process.
