

# 1st Circular and Call for Papers



## International Symposium On Emerging Pollutants in Irrigation Waters: Origins, Fate, Risks, and Mitigation

Special session on  
Good Governance in Universities and Research Institutions

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## Objectives

This International Symposium is the first to be organized in Tunisia and may be in the entire Arab World, to deal with **Emerging Pollutants in water resources used for irrigation, their origins, fate, potential risks and tools for mitigation**. It is held in the framework of the German-Tunisian joint research project **EMPOWER Tunisia** carried out by the Technical University of Braunschweig (TUBS, Germany), the National Research Institute for Rural Engineering, Water, and Forestry (INRGRAF, Tunisia) and the Higher Institute of Agronomy Chatt Meriem (ISA CM, Tunisia).

It aims at:

- Bringing together scientific communities around the Mediterranean Sea Basin and the Arab countries working on emerging pollutants: chemists, environmental scientists, hydrologists, biologists, etc. to present and discuss their research findings, and explore further opportunities of collaboration.
- Gathering the experts from the Arab-Mediterranean countries together with scientists from other countries to discuss issues related to the pollution of water resources used for irrigation, and establish a list of the most relevant pollutants and their potential hazardous effects on human health and the environment.
- Exchanging experiences of environmentally sound technologies to mitigate the occurrence of emerging pollutants.

Aside from the scientific programme and within the educational component of the project **Good Governance** will be discussed from the points of view of decision-makers, scientists in research and academic institutions, and students.

## Topics

The Symposium is organized mainly around the following topics:

- Emerging pollutants in water resources (surface, waste, and ground waters).
- Emerging pollutants in soils and sediments.
- Emerging pollutants and related environmental and health risks.
- Treatment and remediation of water and soil contaminated by emerging pollutants.

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## Publications

- For oral and poster presentations a one-page abstract is required. Submission is done through the following link <https://empowertunisia.alumniportal.com/call-for-papers.html>
- Guidelines for abstract submission are available at <https://empowertunisia.alumniportal.com/call-for-papers.html>
- The book of abstracts will be available to all participants upon registration and during the conference.
- Poster and oral presentation will be accepted if at least one of the authors is registered and present at the symposium.
- Abstracts accepted for oral presentation will be published as full papers (max 10 pages) in the Conference Proceedings. Guidelines will be sent along with notification.
- Abstracts accepted for poster presentation will be published as extended abstract (max 3 pages) in the Conference Proceedings. Guidelines will be sent along with notification.
- The best papers will be reviewed to be published in the peer-reviewed International Journal **CLEAN-Soil, Air, Water** in a Special Focus Issue on **Emerging Pollutants in Euro-Mediterranean and MENA Countries**.

## Important Dates

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| • April 30, 2013    | First circular and call for papers.  |
| • May 30, 2013      | Second circular and call for papers.   |
| • June 30, 2013     | Deadline for abstract submission (oral and poster presentation).   |
| • July 30, 2013     | Notification of acceptance for oral and poster presentations.  |
| • August 15, 2013   | Deadline for early registration.   |
| • October 15, 2013  | Deadline for submission of full paper (10 pages max) for oral presentations and extended abstracts (3 pages max) for poster presentations.     |
| • October 30, 2013  | Deadline for late registration on the website.   |
| • November 10, 2013 | Deadline for sending pdf format presentation for oral presentations and a one-page slide of the poster presentations (summarizing the poster). |



## Honorary Committee

The Symposium will be held under the auspices of German and Tunisian Representatives of both Governments:

H.E. Mr. Jens Uwe Plötner, German Ambassador to Tunis, Germany

H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ben Salem, Minister of Agriculture, Tunisia

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Aziz Darghouth, President of IRESA, Tunisia

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## Useful Informations

- For all requests concerning the organization please use the following e-mail : [contact formula](#)
- The organizing committee is able to send invitations to participants who need visa entrance to Tunisia. For more information, please contact [olfama@gmail.com](mailto:olfama@gmail.com) and [mahjoub.borhane@gmail.com](mailto:mahjoub.borhane@gmail.com) by mentioning « Visa EMPOWER » as object. For visa information, please use the following link: [www.tunisia.visahq.com](http://www.tunisia.visahq.com)

## Registration Fees

	Early Registration	Late Registration
Students *	75 € (150 TND)	90 € (180 TND)
Students	100 € (200 TND)	130 € (260 TND)
Senior Scientists*	150 € (300 TND)	200 € (400 TND)
Senior Scientists	200 € (400 TND)	250 € (500 TND)
Accompanying persons	50 € (100 TND)	70 € (140 TND)

\* This fee is applicable to delegates residing in countries classified as lower middle-income by The World Bank. The classification of the countries is available [here](#). Students are kindly asked to send justification of their status.

- The registration fee includes the final program, the abstracts in electronic format (USB stick), refreshments, lunch, welcome cocktail, and certificate of participation. Hotel accommodation, gala dinner and cultural excursion are not included.

## Financial Support

- Limited number of scholarships, including flight and accommodation, are available for scientists, PhD and MSc students from MENA countries. They are awarded upon request and selection process based on the quality of the abstract and short CVs. For more details please use the contact form at [contact formula](#)

## Conference Organization

- The conference will include keynote lectures during plenary sessions.
- Oral and poster presentations are considered in this conference. For oral presentation 15 min are dedicated to the speech and 3 to 5 min for discussion.
- For poster presentations, a sketch of 1 min is considered. The 3 best posters will be awarded.
- All the presentations should be in English. Translation to other languages is not provided.

## Accommodation

- Rooms at favourable prices will be reserved at a selection of hotels. The list and the rates will be made available in the 2<sup>nd</sup> circular. Detailed information will be provided for hotel reservation and transportation.

## Registration

- Registration is done along with the abstract submission. For participants without presentation, registration is done through the following link <https://empowertunisia.alumniportal.com/contact.html>

## Conference Events

- Welcome cocktail
- Gala Dinner
- Cultural excursion

# General Program

	Monday November 25, 2013	Tuesday November 26, 2013	Wednesday November 27, 2013	Thursday November 28, 2013
Morning	Plenary Official Opening	Plenary Keynotes	Plenary Keynotes	Cultural Program All the day
	Oral presentations Parallel Sessions	Oral presentations Parallel Sessions	Oral presentations Parallel Sessions	
Lunch				
Afternoon	Oral presentations Parallel Sessions	Oral presentations Parallel Sessions	Oral presentations Parallel Sessions	
	Plenary Poster Session	Plenary Poster Session	Closing Plenary Session	
Evening	Social Event	Free Evening	Social Event	