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1st International Conference on the Ecological Importance of Solar Saltworks

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It is generally accepted that the total world's wetland area is continually decreasing due to drainage, cultivation and urbanization, and it is therefore necessary to emphasize the importance of protecting and if possible development of the remaining wetland areas.

Solar Saltworks produce salt by solar evaporation since the dawn of human civilization. Nevertheless the development of a unique coastal ecosystem in parallel with the salt production process evolution, it is not very well known.

Hundreds of protected bird species depend on Solar Saltworks ecosystem to feed and/or nest.

The environmental uniqueness of Solar Saltworks and particularly the modern ones is based on the fact that they are integrated coastal ecosystems, where nature experiences the coexistence of regular and hyper saline environments with high significance as shelters to wildlife.

CONFERENCE MAIN SUBJECTS

The aim of the conference is to identify and promote the ecological importance of Solar Saltworks and their increasing significance of safeguarding and development of the world's wetland area. Additionally it aims at an analytical insight and a better understanding of the Saltworks ecosystem characteristics.

Priority will be given to following areas:

- Wetlands at risk – abandoned saltworks etc
- Structure and function of solar saltworks ecosystem
- Solar saltworks production process
- Solar saltworks biological system
- Avifauna and flora of solar saltworks
- Low, medium and high salinity microorganisms in solar saltworks
- Dynamics of solar saltworks ecosystem
- Geochemistry in solar saltworks ponds

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission of abstracts (up to 2 pages) 31.05.2006
Provisional acceptance 15.06.2006
Full paper submission 31.07.2006
Paper review and final acceptance 15.08.2006

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The official conference language is English.

REVIEW OF PAPERS

Papers will be provisionally accepted by the scientific committee on the basis of the abstracts. The full papers will be reviewed before final acceptance for presentation.

All accepted papers will be included in the Conference Proceedings. Selected papers will be considered (with the authors consent) for inclusion in the special issue of the Global NEST Journal. (www.gnest.org). Authors are asked to submit their abstracts and full papers via e-mail (nkor@hol.gr).

CONFERENCE VENUE

The 1st International Conference on the *Ecological Importance of Solar Saltworks* will take place from 20 to 22 of October 2006 in the island of Santorini, Greece.

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To register, please fill in and send the attached registration form to the address specified below

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The registration fee includes the Conference Proceedings, lunches, beverages, coffees, and the official conference dinner.
Authors / Participants 350 €

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