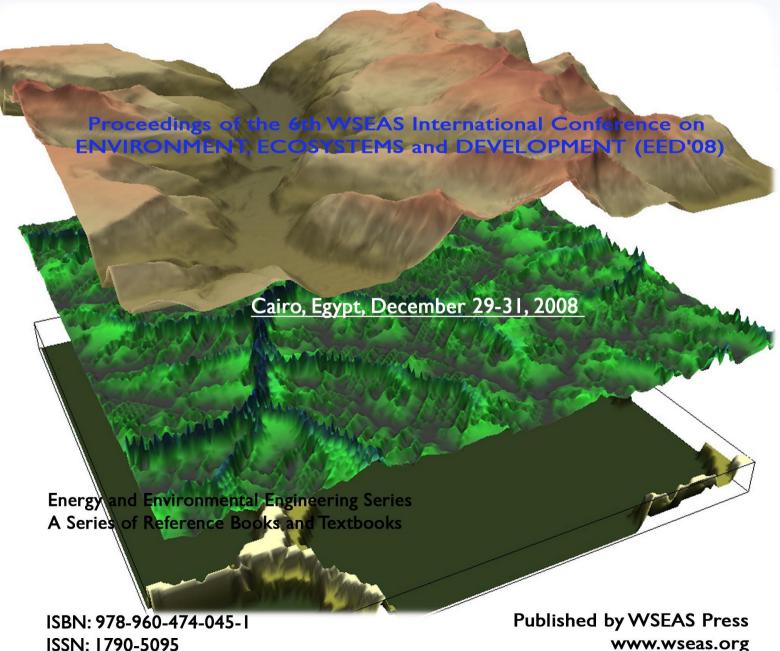


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Preface

This book contains most of the papers presented at the conference on ENVIRONMENT, ECOSYSTEMS and DEVELOPMENT (EED'08) held in Cairo, Egypt, December 29-31, 2008.

The conference provides a platform to discuss the theory and applications of environment, ecosystems and development.

In the last few years the focus has been on topics such as Environmental protection, pollution control, environmental modeling, biodiversity, rural development, thermodynamics of ecosystems, solar energy systems, cogeneration systems etc.

This important 3 days multiconference offered to the colleagues 2 banquets (60 different courses -self-service buffet-, live music and live dances with more than 30 dancers and 18 folklore appearances) and one great excursion, (WSEAS offered free buses for the conference excursions and the English speaking tour guide for free. Dec, 31, 2008: Tour in Cairo (Pyramids of Giza, Sun Boat, Sphinx, Papyrus museum, Bazaar), Memphis and Sakkara (Stepped pyramid of Sakkara, Tomps of Nobles, Tomps of ministers, Memphis museum, TiTi pyramyd). The 2 banquets were superb and they included oriental dance in 18 different appearances: http://www.wseas.us/reports/2008/cairo/index.html as well as Sofi dance and many Egyptian singers.

After the excursion of 31/12/2008, we continued with the Session/Symposium: E-Learning with 18 important papers. The International Scientific Committee met during the Conference in a Cairo restaurant well known for the standards of its cuisine and its friendly atmosphere.

Ways to improve the Conference were discussed over dinner: in particular the topics were revised and new ones were suggested. In addition, a few nominations for new committee members were proposed. Following the meeting, the decision was taken to relocate the Conference, and a few locations were suggested.

The WSEAS Conference Division will investigate these so that the dates and location of 2010 are finalized as soon as possible.

Each paper was reviewed at least by 3 independent reviewers. The WSEAS Secretariat sent each paper to 5 reviewers. Some papers received reviews from 5 different referees. The WSEAS Secretariat forwarded these comments by personalized emails to the responsible for the correspondence author. The full list of the reviewers will be available in the web page: http://www.worldses.org/reviewers.htm

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