

## **Acknowledgement and Gratitude**

It is a moment of pleasure to release the Volume 95 (2022) of the Bulletin de la Société de Géographie d'Égypte devoted to publishing seven peer-reviewed articles submitted by some participants of the 29th Colloquium of the Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems (CSRS) of the International Geographical Union (IGU). The colloquium was organized by the Egyptian Geographical Group for Rural Development (EGGRD), in coordination with the CSRS, and was hosted by the Egyptian Geographical Society in Cairo and Faculty of Arts, Menoufia University Shebeen-El-Kom, Egypt. February 28 to March 4, 2022.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Geographical Society (EGS), I would like to thank the efforts of the EGGRD Egyptian Geographical Group in its continuous activity during more than ten years, crowned by its success in organizing this conference through an energetic, disciplined, and ambitious committee headed by Professor Salah Eisa. The conducted success was a prelude to receive a highly welcomed proposal from the President of the IGU that Egypt could host a Thematic International Geographical Conference in 2025 as the 100th anniversary of Egypt's organization of the 11th International Geographical Congress 1925.

The efforts done by Menoufia University in hosting the conference and providing institutional capabilities, hand in hand with the EGS, have made it a success. Prof. Osama Madani, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Menoufia University, attended the opening session of the conference at the Geographical Society on behalf of the President of the University.

Thanks a lot, to Prof. Serge Schmitz and Dr. Paul Valeria, Chairs of the CSRS of the IGU, for their active presence and sharing in the opening session of the conference in the EGS, along with the Prof. Rubén C. Lois Gonzalez, Vice-President of the Geographical Union.

I cannot forget the kind reception and fruitful meetings with conference participants, who appreciated the valuable findings inside the memorial building of the EGS and hoped to be in continuous contact with Egyptian geographical activities.

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## **Editorial Preface**

The Egyptian Geographical Society in Cairo and Menoufia University in Shebeen-El-Kom in Egypt hosted the twenty-ninth international colloquium of the Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems of the International Geographical Union, February 28 - March 4, 2022.

The opening session was held in the main memorial hall of the Society, in which the Eleventh Congress of the International Geographical Union had been held in Egypt April 1925.

The number of accepted topics was 24, presented in 9 scientific sessions, including one online session. The number of scholars was 25, while the number of participants was 30 belonging to eleven countries: Argentina - Belgium - China - Egypt - Italy - Poland – Portugal - Romania – Spain - South Korea – USA.

The importance and world-wide reputation of this international conference resulted from successful organization through cooperation between the Egyptian Geographical Group for Rural Development (EGGRD) of the Egyptian Geographical Society (EGS), and the Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems (CSRS) of the International Geographical Union (IGU). So, the Board of Directors of the EGS agreed on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to publish the referred articles presented at the 29th colloquium of the IGU-CSRS held in Egypt, February 28 - March 4, in the 2022 issue of the “Bulletin de la Société de Géographie d’Egypte (BSGE) (The Bulletin of the Egyptian Geographical Society)” with no charge, as a courtesy. The Board of Directors nominated Professor Emeritus Salah Eisa, Menoufia University, Head of the (EGGRD) in the (EGS) to be the editor of this memorial issue.

On March 28, 2022, details of publishing requirements, rules for editing and submitting the journal’s research have been e-mailed to conference participants, stressing on that the manuscripts must retain its titles and its authors as recorded in the accepted abstracts. It was mentioned that submitting the manuscript will terminate on July 31, 2022.

A reminder on April 28, 2022, for publishing the papers of the 29th IGU-CSRS colloquium in Egypt 2022, a second one on May 31, 2022, and a final reminder on July 23, 2022, was circulated via participants’ emails. Seven manuscripts have been submitted, peer blinded referred, and accepted for

publishing, which equals nearly 30 % of the total number of research presented in the conference. Some scholars apologized for being too busy to finish their articles, or because it was a part of a scientific team scheme.

The Seven articles are enrolled in the Bulletin in a sequence agrees with its attribution to the main themes of the conference, as follows:

1- THE EGYPTIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO RURAL GEOGRAPHY STUDIES.

2- "SEA IN THE DESERT, DESERT IN THE SEA": AN EXPLORATION OF AN INFLECTED SPATIAL IMAGE IN ENGLISH / ARABIC VERSE (Attributed to: Approaches for current Rural Geographies).

3- DIGITAL MAPPING FOR THE HISTORICAL VILLAGES SITES AS MONUMENT RESERVES, A GEOGRAPHICAL STUDY IN BASSOUNA AND BANAWIT VILLAGES, ALMARAGHA DISTRICT, SOHAG, EGYPT.

4- THE ROLE OF HERITAGE TOURISM IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, A CASE STUDY OF THE BEDOUIN VILLAGE IN MATROUH GOVERNORATE (Attributed to: Benefiting the integrated fundamentals of rural environment).

5- VILLAGES AND SMALL CITIES OF GALICIA (SPAIN) AS THE CENTRE OF SUSTAINABLE RURAL MARKETS (Attributed to: Challenges and compromises of rural-urban Equilibrium).

6- PROGRAMS OF THE DECENT LIFE INITIATIVE IN THE CONTEXT OF EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE EGYPTIAN COUNTRYSIDE, A GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVE.

7- E-LEARNING STRATEGIES ACHIEVING QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE DECENT LIFE PROGRAM, AN EMPIRICAL SURVEY STUDY IN SOME VILLAGES OF MENOUFIA, EGYPT (Attributed to: The "Decent Life" initiative to develop the Egyptian village).

The mentioned seven articles are followed by seventeen abstracts of research presented in the conference, but their authors did not submit its manuscripts for publishing.

This special issue of the Bulletin de la Société de Géographie d'Égypte is supplemented by a Documentary Appendix elaborating some facts about the 29<sup>th</sup> international colloquium of the IGU- CSRS, in Egypt, February 28 - March 4, 2022. The appendix contains: A concise report about conference; and Identification of the conference's participants.

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