



Dear Readers,

The Global Network for Environmental Science and Technology (Global NEST) and University of the Aegean in Greece will organise the 12th International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology in Rhodes, Greece on 8th - 10th September 2011. The International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology has been successfully developed for the last 24 years; in Lesbos (1989, 1991, 1993, 1995 and 1997), Samos (1999), Syros (2001), Limnos (2003), Rhodes (2005), Kos (2007), Chania (2009) as the important venues in the Mediterranean area attracting for engineers, scientists, students, managers and other professionals from many different countries. The success of this biannual conferences reflects the critical environmental topics that are discussed as well as the quality of the presented papers. Conference topics including among others: Climate change and environmental dynamics, Ecology and ecosystems management and Clean energy and sustainability, are issues which are undoubtedly interesting for Fellows of World Academy of Materials and Manufacturing Engineering.

Rhodes as a Conference venue is the principal town of the island in Greece having the same name and located in the eastern Aegean Sea. It is the largest of the Dodecanese islands in terms of both land area and population. Historically, Rhodes was famous worldwide for the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. In the first of small photos there is a fragment of a port in which big ships transporting thousands of tourists every year are lying. The medieval Old Town of the City of Rhodes has been declared a World Heritage Site. In the next small photos views of fragments of this city are presented together with a famous street of Ambassadors, seen at the last small picture. In Medieval period in 1309, the island was occupied by forces of the Knights Hospitaller newly named "Knights of Rhodes". The city of Rhodes was rebuilt and many of the city's buildings, including the Palace of the Grand Master, which tower is on the cover, were built during this period. The strong city's walls withstood the attacks of the Sultan of Egypt in 1444, and of Mehmed II in 1480, however, Rhodes fell to the large army of Suleiman the Magnificent in December 1522, long after the rest of the Byzantine empire had been lost. The few surviving Knights were permitted to retire to the Kingdom of Sicily. The Knights would later move their base of operations to Malta.

Handing over the next issue of the Journal of Achievements in Materials and Manufacturing Engineering AMME to P.T. Readers I hope that the reading of papers contained in it will be interesting and, as usual, I invite P.T. Authors to present their work for publication in the subsequent issues of the Journal.

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