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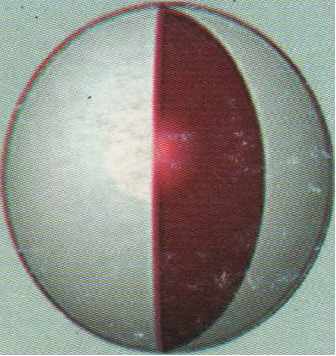
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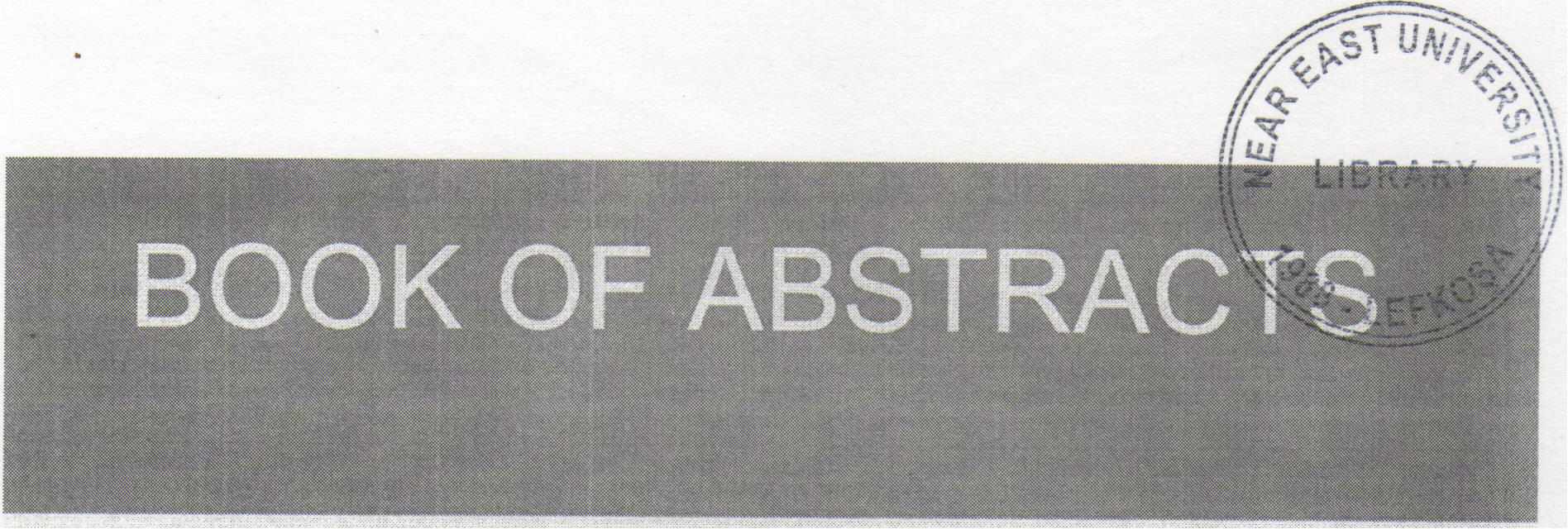
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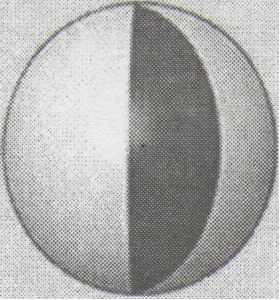
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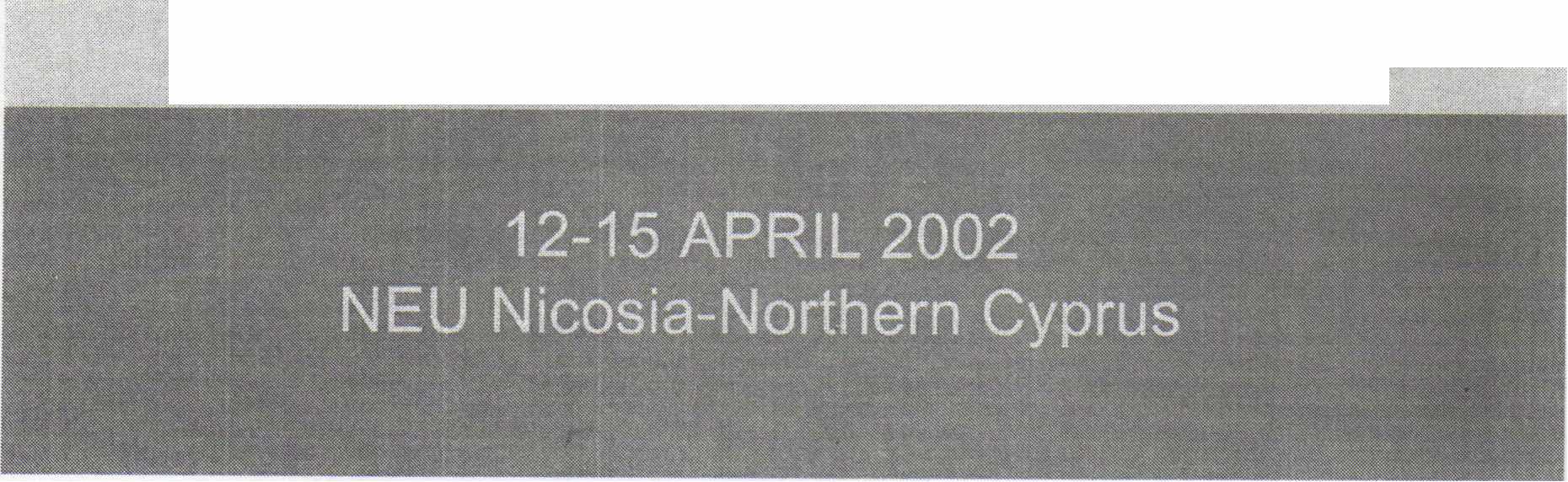
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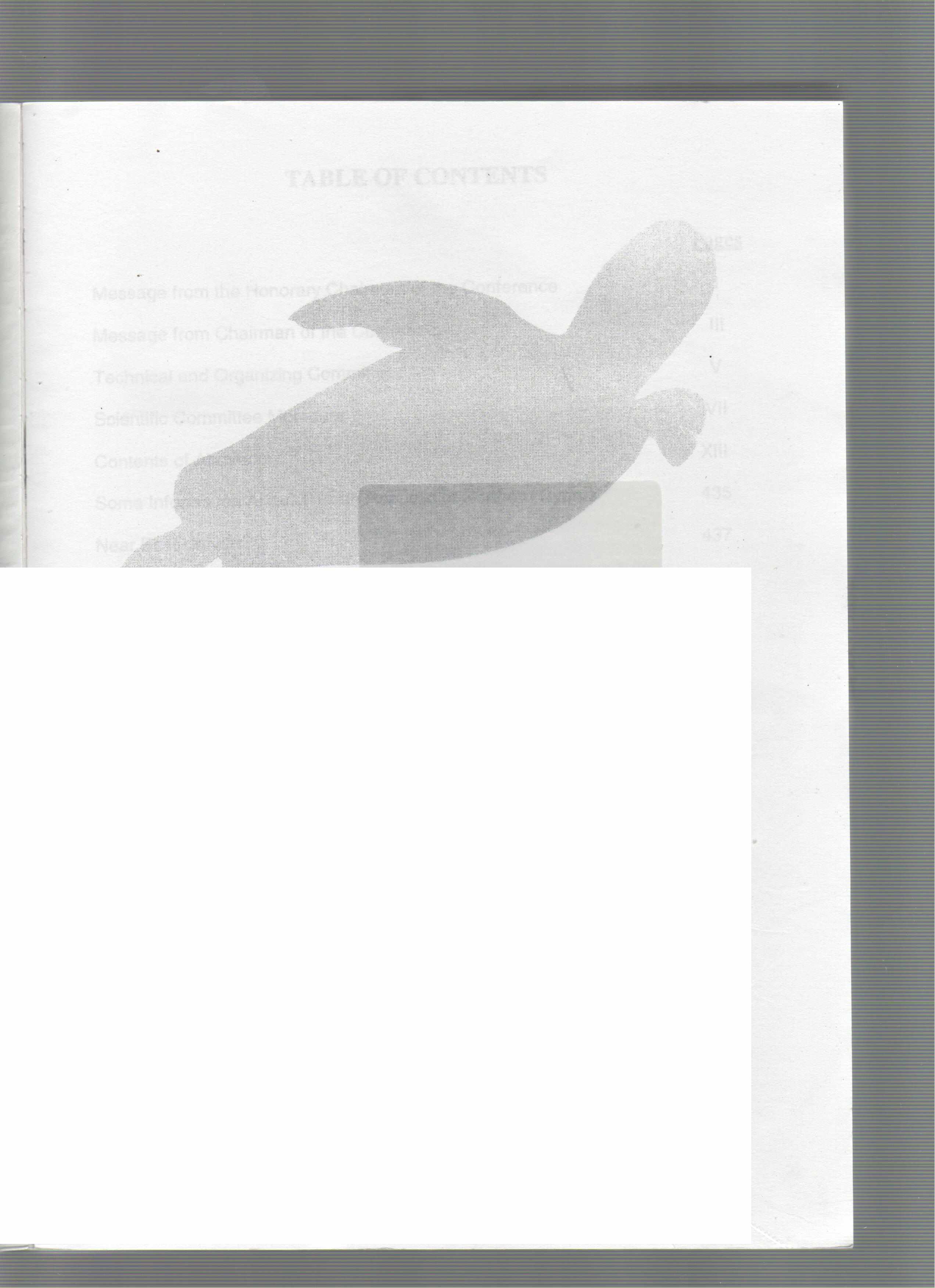
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*Message from the Honorary Chairman of the Conference*

*I feel excited to witness yet another international conference at the Near East University and deeply honoured for acting as your host for the distinguished scientists from different countries of the world coming to Northern Cyprus in a join effort to contribute to the advancement of science for the prosperity of al/ humanity.*

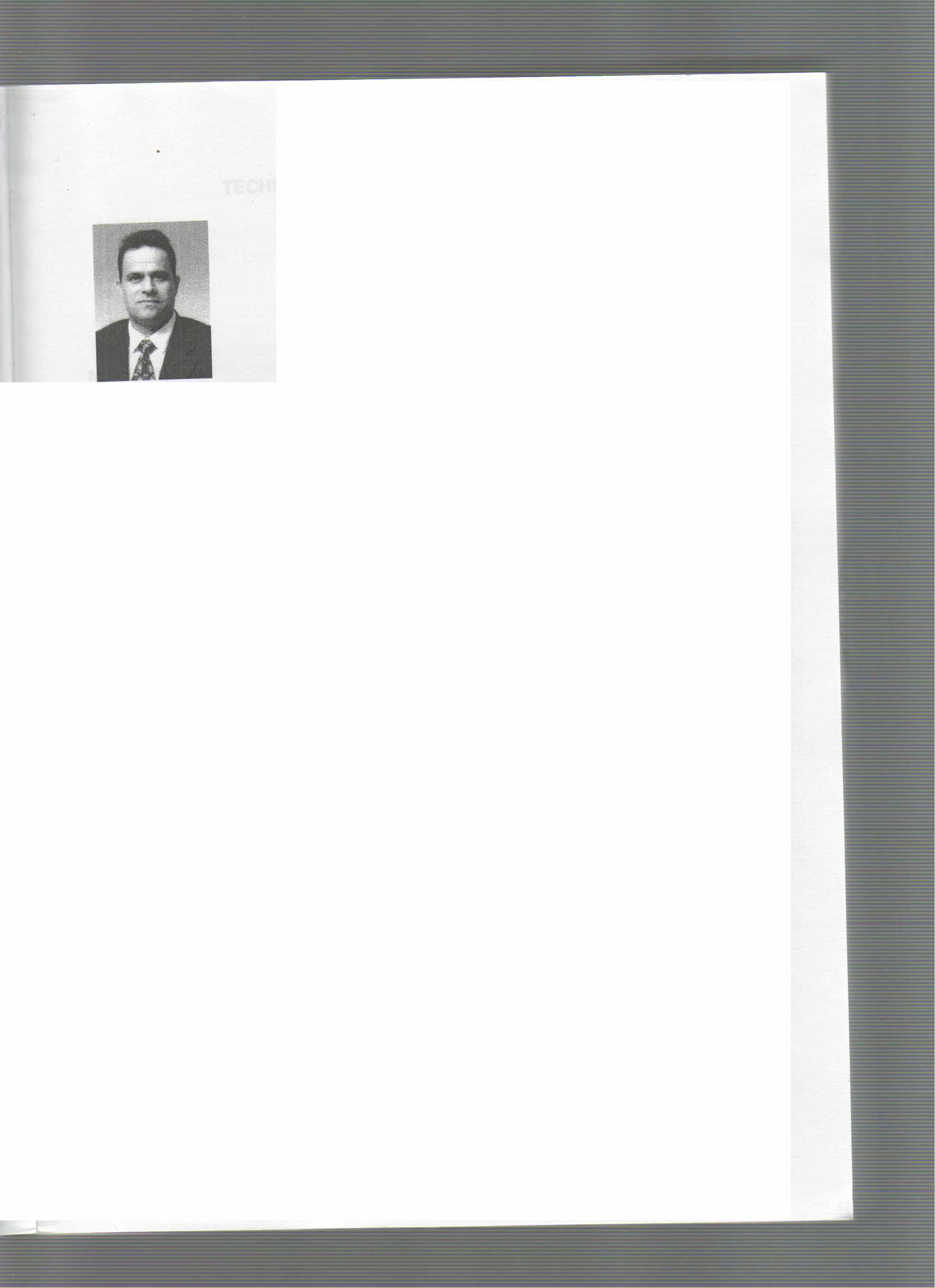
*The objectives of the international conference on the Environmental Problems in the Mediterranean Region include perhaps the most urgent issues in need for scientific examination for the sake of the future generations and the world's environment that is getting increasingly fragile. I believe that your contributions to be made at the Conference will not only serve as solutions to the problems of the Region but also shed a light for further investigations into global environmental problems.*

*I am a strong believer in the saying that "The environment is what we have borrowed from our ehi/dren, we must ensure to hand it back to them* - *unharmed!"*

*l look forward to welcoming you al/ in Northern Cyprus. Yours truly,*

*Dr. Suat 1. GÜNSEL*

*Founding President of the Near East University*



*Message from the Chairman of the Technical and Organizing Committee*

*Dear Co/leagues,*

*it gives me utmost pleasure in welcoming you ali at the lnternational Conference* on *the Environmental Problems of the Mediterranean Region, here in Northern Cyprus at the Near East University between 12fh*

*and 15fh April 2002.*

*The Mediterranean is perhaps the o/dest inhabited /andscape in the world, and it is here that mankind has /eft most continuous, detailed, and abundant evidence of its activities. More recently, the forests have been stripped from the /and .-Qth fire, and the waters polluted by oil spills and sewage. There is the contamination from mines and the ugly side of the quarries. Yet even after so much destruction, natura/ life stili manages to survive in some parts in extra ordinary richness. What has happened here in the past millennia is, e/sewhere* on *earth, just beginning, and by studying its current environmental problems we may obtain* a *better idea of where our natura/ world and civilizations are headed.*

*The /ove of the Mediterranean is behind the reason why we wish to organize a conference* on *its environmental problems. We would /ike to contribute to the understanding of the current and future environmental issues facing the region in general, and Cyprus in particular. We feel exited about hosting you ali from related environmental disciplines ranging from environmental engineeritJg, earth sciences, agriculture, civil engineering, forestry, chemistry, and biology together with psychology,*

*economics and /aw.*

*We/come to Northern Cyprus.*

*Yours truly,*

*Prof. Dr. Hüseyin GÖKÇEKUŞ Secretary General, Near East University*

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