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Creating a sustainable and a healthy enviromnent is one of the most important global issues facing mankind today. Therefore, serious consideration should be given to enviromnental problems and concerted efforts should be made worldwide in order to respond and prevent present and future enviromnental risks and challenges.

The Intemational Conference on Enviromnent: Survival and Sustainability (ESS 2007) organized by the Near East University between the dates 19 and 24 February 2007 was held in Lefkosa, Turkish Republic of Northem Cyprus. The main objective of this multidisciplinary conference was to gather scientists from all over the world to discuss the overall issue of the enviromnent, to find out sustainable solutions for enviromnental problems and to identify areas for future collaboration in this matter. The conference brought together 2,052 participants from 108 different countries. During the conference a total of 1 ,463 papers were presented under 21 different subtopics, representing various scientific disciplines. The topics included enviromnental law and ethics, enviromnental knowledge, technology and information systems, media, enviromnental awareness, education and lifelong learning, the use of literature for enviromnental awareness and the effects of the green factor in politics and in intemational relations.

The Scientific Committee of Intemational Conference ESS2007 evaluated all of the 1 ,463 papers and selected among them 61 O papers to be included in The Proceedings of Enviromnent: Survival and Sustainability. The readers will notice the wide range of topics represented by the papers included in the Conference Proceedings.

it is hoped that this book will serve to contribute to increase in awareness towards various enviromnental issues as well as drawing more attention to the urgency of intemational cooperation and collaboration in pursuing sustainable enviromnental management.

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