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**PREFACE**

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

The International Conference on Environment: 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 Northern Cyprus. The main objective of this multidisciplinary conference was to gather scientists from all over the world to discuss the overall issue of the environment, to find out sustainable solutions for environmental 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 environmental law and ethics, environmental knowledge, technology and information systems, media, environmental awareness, education and lifelong learning, the use of literature for environmental awareness and the effects of the green factor in politics and in international relations.

The Scientific Committee of International Conference ESS2007 evaluated all of the 1,463 papers and selected among them 610 papers to be included in The Proceedings of Environment: 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 environmental issues as well as drawing more attention to the urgency of international cooperation and collaboration in pursuing sustainable environmental management.

Prof. Dr. Huseyin Gokcekus

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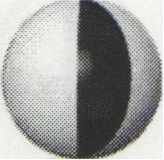
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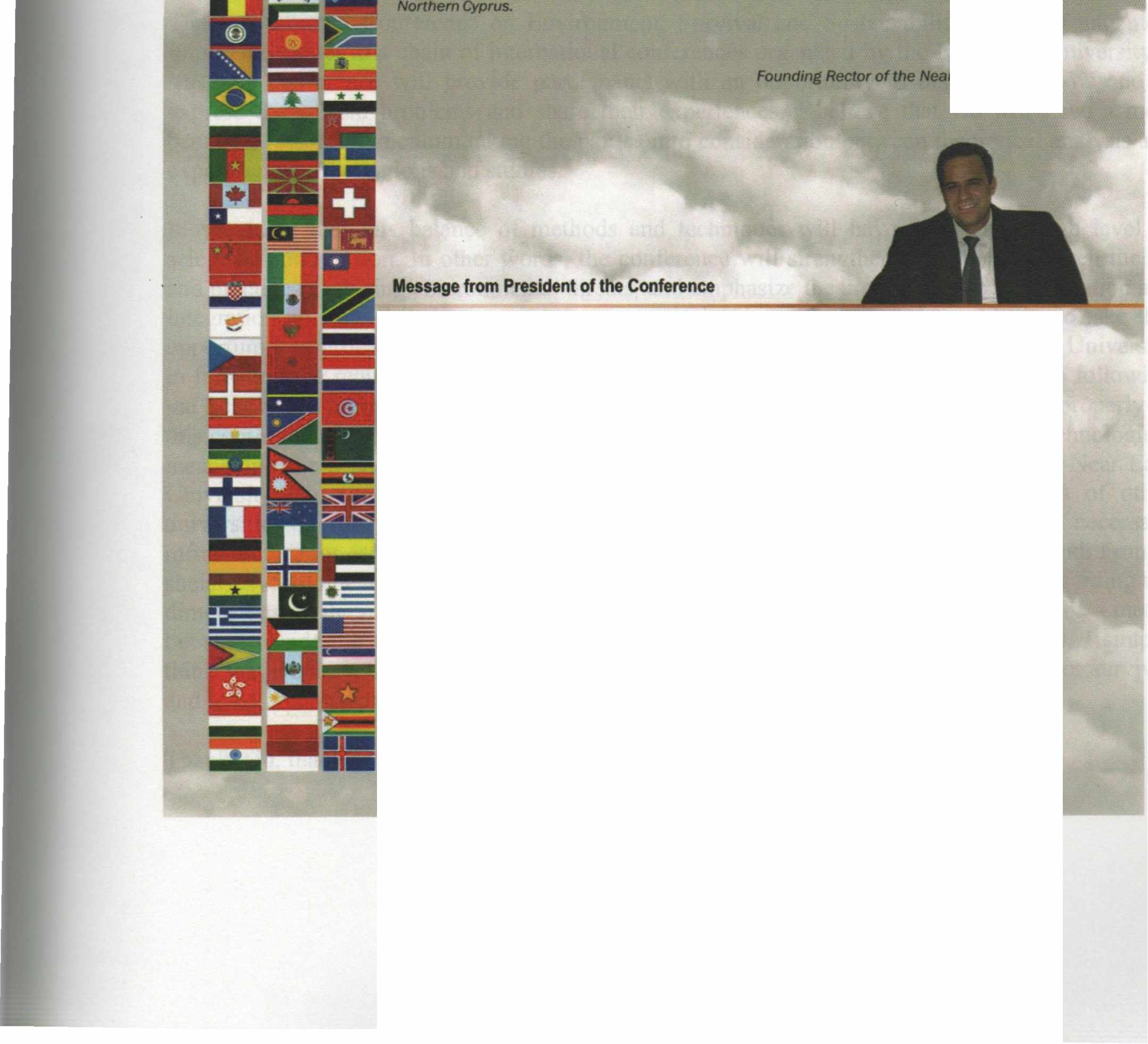
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