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A brief report from 14th National Seminar on Watershed Management Sciences and Engineering of Iran Urmia, July 16 & 17, 2019

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The **14th National Seminar on Watershed Management Sciences and Engineering of Iran** with main theme of “**Watershed Management and Integrated Management of Water and Soil Resources**” was held on July 16 & 17, 2019 with cooperation of Urmia University and Watershed Management Society of Iran at Urmia Lake Research Institute (Urmia University), West Azerbaijan Province, Iran.

Totally, more than 430 articles were initially submitted to the seminar, of which about 80 articles were selected for oral presentations and 279 were accepted for poster presentation. To hold this seminar, various committees, including the organizational, executive and student committees have been involved. The scientific and executive chapters were punctually handled by Dr. Hiran Abghari and Dr. Habib Nazarnejad from Urmia University.

More than 350 participants including different scientists, professors, researchers, students and experts participated in the seminar and provided their latest research findings in the different fields of watershed and natural resources management. Many other managers, decision makers and experts attended in the seminar from “Watershed Management Society of Iran”, Forest, Rangeland and Watershed Management Organization (FRWO) in national and provincial levels, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Jihad-e- Agriculture, Interior Ministry, Management and Planning

Organization, etc. The open ceremony was started at 8:30 and terminated at 11:00 in July 16, 2019 by the presence of honorable Chancellor of Urmia University (Dr. Hobe Naghi), honorable Chancellor of Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (Dr. Ali Najafinejad), Deputy of Watershed Management, Rangeland and Desert Affairs of FRWO (Dr. Shahbazi), Dean of Faculty of Natural Resources on Urmia University (Dr. Alijanpour), Dean of Institute of Urmia Lake Studies (Dr. Zeinalzadeh) and local authorities. An overview of different occasions and features of the gathering has been presented in the following photos.



In addition to paper presentations, some other programs such as Scientific-student Olympiad and Photography Contest were held. The third Olympiad for PhD and MSc students was organized by Dr. Zeinab Hazbavi, Chair of Student Committee of Watershed Management Society of Iran. Besides, one scientific workshop, three discussion sessions and round tables were also successfully held on the Urmia Lake issues, Watershed Management Performances and Mega Project on Integrated Watershed Management of Iran. Finally, three papers from oral and three papers from poster presentations were selected as superiors. In addition, three superiors in each parts of Olympiad and Photography contests were introduced.

