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The 29th Colloquium of the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems 2022 in Egypt



**29th Colloquium of the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems
Cairo, & Shebeen-Elkom, Menoufia University Egypt, February 28- March 4, 2022**

**"Necessities and implementations for Sustaining Rural Systems in both
Developed and less Developed Environments."**

First call for paper and poster abstracts

The Department of Geography, of the Faculty of Arts, Menoufia University, Egypt, shared by the Egyptian Geographical Group for Rural Development (EGGRD) of the Egyptian Geographical Society, welcomes you to the 29th Colloquium of the International Geographical Union Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems (IGU-CSRS). The Egyptian active participation in the annual scientific conferences and Colloquiums of the IGU-CSRS is recorded recently since 2013 in Kyoto-Japan, then in Bucharest- Romania (2014), Beijing-China (2016), Santiago de Compostela- Spain (2018), Minnesota- USA (2019), and later in Zagreb- Croatia (2021). In December 2019, the Steering Committee of the IGU-CSRS has agreed on the holding the 29th Colloquium of the International Geographical Union Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems in Egypt concerning the following key theme: "Necessities and implementations for Sustaining Rural Systems in both Developed and less Developed Environments."

We are pleased to host academics, scholars, researchers, and students interested in the wide scope of rural areas around the globe. The Colloquium seeks to provide an open international forum to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and challenge perspectives regarding potential paths for achieving rural sustainability in all regions of our planet.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- 1 August 2021: First call for paper and poster abstracts
- 1 September 2021: Second call for paper and poster abstracts
- 1 October 2021: Pre-registration and abstracts submission deadline
- 1 November 2021: Notification of abstract acceptance
- 15 November 2021: Late registration opens.

The key theme for the 29th Annual Colloquium of the CSRS **"Necessities and implementations for Sustaining Rural Systems in both Developed and less Developed Environments."**

Since the IGU Commission on 'The Sustainability of Rural Systems (CSRS)' was approved at the International Geographical Commission meeting in The Hague in August 1996, replacing the Study Group of the same name founded in 1992, the CSRS holds annual Colloquiums, covering some aspects connected to the scope of its interest.

The CSRS 21st Annual Colloquium at Nagoya University, Japan, August 2013, for example, with the general theme of *"Globalization and New Challenges of Agricultural and Rural Systems"* reached salient conclusions from which are the relevant two following:

- Concepts of rural space and landscape have been developed with reference to sustainability and new forms and functions of the countryside in different regions of the world with regard to global and local processes.
- The predominance of conflict over land and resources in contexts of extreme poverty in less developed countries distant from the realities of post-industrial regions.

The continued colloquiums tackled topics within seven main themes: "Life and Rural Systems between traditional and integrated urban-rural development" (22nd Colloquium), "Sustainability of Rural Systems: smart answers for a smiling future" (23rd Colloquium), "Sustainability of Rural Systems: Balancing heritage and Innovation" (24th Colloquium), "Rural Spaces in a Multifunctional Transition: Experiences and Adaptation" (25th Colloquium), "Infinite Rural Systems in a Finite Planet: Bridging Gaps towards Sustainability" (26th Colloquium), "Sustaining Rural Systems: Rural Vitality in an Era of Globalization and Economic Nationalism" (27th Colloquium).

It seems that the insights of CSRS 21st Annual Colloquium relating sustainability and new forms and functions of the countryside in different regions of the world, and distance between less developed and developed countries in rural realities still need more investigation by geographic scholars.

Thus, the proposed key theme for the 29th Annual Colloquium of the CSRS is "Necessities and implementations for Sustaining Rural Systems in both Developed and less Developed Environments", inspiring a valuable point that: "Benefiting, not repeating, the experiences of

developed rural communities could set up successful solid sustainable system". The key theme includes four sub-themes:

The first sub-theme is titled "Promoting approaches for current Rural Geographies", which are capable to conceive the renewing issues in rural environment and to achieve more fruitful studies.

The second sub-theme is, "Benefiting the integrated fundamentals of Rural environment: territorial, Economic, Social, and Physical", either in thematic or regional case studies.

The third sub-theme is titled "Smart Rural Innovations" guided by the "Three Lenses of Innovation" created by a global design company (IDEO): Desirability, Feasibility, and Viability.

The fourth sub-theme is titled "Challenges and compromises of rural-urban Equilibrium". So, contributions are needed, for example, about the recognition of agriculture and urbanization as the policy priorities for world countries, and how agriculture and urbanization are generally mutually conflicted during the local practices.

A preliminary Program

The proposed duration time of the colloquium is five days include activities scheduled as follows:

First day:

- Registration and reception at the Egyptian Geographical Society in Cairo
- Official Opening of the Colloquium at the Egyptian Geographical Society in Cairo
- Thematic sessions in the halls of the Egyptian Geographical Society
- Visit some relevant tourist sites in ancient Cairo
- Travel to the accommodation hosting of Menoufia University, Shebeen Elkom, 60 Km north of Cairo

Second day:

- Parallel thematic sessions in the Faculty of Arts of Menoufia University for presenting and discussing the accepted papers of the participants
- Short walk in Shebeen Elkom town in the evening

Third, Fourth, and Fifth days: are assigned for Excursion of field trips in lower and central Egypt, covering landmarks relating the following areas and themes:

- Mid-Nile Delta, in Menoufia, one of the 27 Egyptian governorates, bounded or penetrated by the Rosetta and Damietta branches of the Nile Delta, so, distinguished by its fertile land and production of agricultural crops like cotton, maize and wheat as well as vegetable crops. Menoufia is famous for the highest rural population and settlement densities, with a total estimated of 4,319,082 people in July 2017. The governorate is divided into nine municipal divisions, while its name is derived from "Menouf", an ancient lasting town which was the capital of Menoufia until 1826, when it has been transmitted into Shebeen Elkom. Menoufia has two governmental universities, besides, in Sers El Lyan town, the "Regional Center for Adult Education", was established on 25/4/1952, affiliated to UNESCO. After a non-contact period since 1982, that Center has been returned as a second category in the UNESCO in

February 2018. Near the southern border of Menoufia governorate, Mohamed Ali Basha established Al-Qanater al-Khaireya "Barrage" (1843-1868) on the start points of the Nile two branches within his projects to reform the irrigation system in Egypt (Fig. 5).

- A mid-north Delta track crossing agricultural belts from dense multi crops agriculture in Menoufia, passing a transitional belt of mixed economic crops in Gharbia governorate, reaching the northern belt of rice and sugar beet crops, agricultural animal husbandry, agro-industrial enterprises, fisheries of Lake Burullus as the second largest natural lake in northern Nile Delta, and Rashid district in El-Behyira Governorate, bordered by Rosetta branch and the Mediterranean coast, comprising the fortress of Borg Rashid village nearby the mouth of the Nile branch (Fig. 6).

-West Nile Delta reclaimed lands in: Badr, Sadat, and Wadi Al Natrun districts. Visits will intend traditional settlements and population in oases, agriculture farms, agro-industrial enterprises, Sadat new planned town, and Christian Monasteries (Fig. 7).

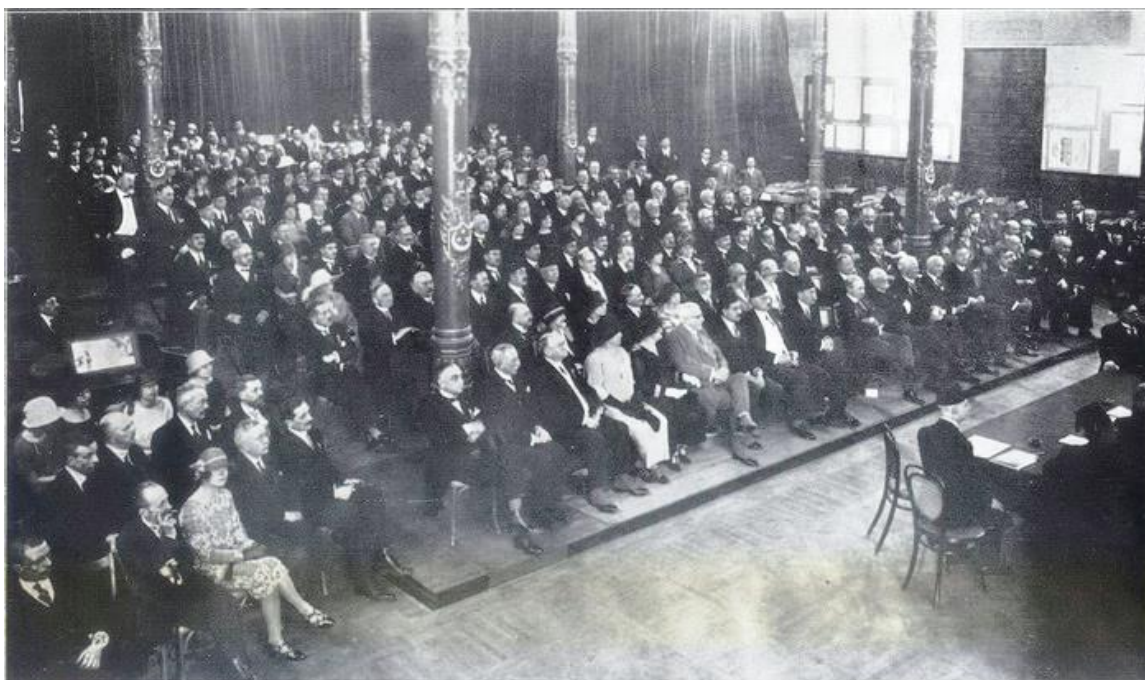
-Fayoum depression, described as the "Little Egypt" including: The ruins of ancient Karanis founded by Ptolemy II's mercenaries in the 3rd century BC, Lake Qaroon as the lowest water drain under sea level, Wadi Rayyan Protected area distinguished with waterfalls between drain lakes, Qasr Qaroon ruins of ancient Dionysia at the western end of Lake Qaroon, the UNESCO World Heritage Site (Wadi Hittan) as home to the earliest prehistoric whale fossils ever discovered, and more than 200 waterwheels, which became a prominent symbol of Fayoum town, beside varieties of rural handicrafts (Fig. 8 ,9).

- Sectors of Greater Cairo, in particular: Tahrir Square, the Egyptian Geographical Society, ancient religious conglomeration (Jewish: The Moses Ben Maimon synagogue, Christian: The Almoallaqa church of the Virgin Mary, and Islamic, Amr ben Elaas Mosque), the Salah Eddin Ayyubi Citadel (1176-1207), Pyramids and Sphinx, Egyptian Agricultural Museum. Some of these sites could be visited in the colloquium opening day, but others could be arranged within field trip days.

Location and Venue

The Colloquium will begin on the morning of its first day with registration and the opening reception for participants, in the memorial building of Egyptian Geographical Society established by a decree of Khedive Ismail Pasha on 19 May 1875 in Cairo, the Egyptian capital, which hosted the *11th IGU Congress* in 1925 (Fig. 1, 2).

Address: 109 Kasr El Ainy St., Entrance of Senate House, Cairo Governorate, Egypt



(Fig. 1) A photo taken during the first Plenary Session of the 11th IGU Congress 1925, in the seat of the Egyptian Geographical Society



(Fig. 2) Conference Hall of the Egyptian Geographical Society

The accommodation of colloquium participants will be hosted in the guest house (hotel) of Menoufia University in Shebeen Elkom, 60 Km north of Cairo, reached at the end the first day by travel bus, also, sessions of paper presentation will be held in the Faculty of Arts, Menoufia University (Fig. 3, 4).

Address: Gamal Abdel Naser St., Town of Shebeen Elkom, Menoufia governorate, Egypt

The Colloquium travel bus will return with participants to Cairo on the fifth day evening.

Before and after the participation days, everybody manages his stay and accommodation on his account, guided by: Hotels online sites in Cairo, Egypt.

Registration Fee

There are two orders for participation fee: a regular participation, and a full participation.

- The full participation fee concerns two days (opening day, and session day programs), plus three days of field trip programs.
- The regular participation fee concerns only the first two days (opening day, and session day programs).

Registration fees will cover: The IGU sac, prints, and brochures on the colloquium, welcome reception and breaks, transportation, site visit entrance fees, single or double occupancy accommodations and breakfast for one night (regular fee), or four nights (full fee) at the guest house (hotel) of Menoufia University in Shebeen Elkom, lunch and Dinner in participation days.

Details of Registration Fee

The full participation fee		
	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM
Early Registration Fee	600 €	550 €
Early Accompanying Person Registration Fee Full	550 €	500 €
Late Registration Fee Full for all participants/ accompanying persons	750 €	650 €
The regular participation fee		
	STANDARD	PhD STUDENTS
Early Registration Fee Conference	200 €	150 €
Late Registration Fee Conference for all participants/accompanying persons	250 €	200 €



(Fig. 3) Shebeen Elkom town on a Nile Delta canal, Menoufia Governorate, Egypt



(Fig. 4) The guest house (hotel) of Menoufia University in Shebeen Elkom, Egypt



(Fig. 5) Al-Qanater al-Khaireya "Barrage" on Egyptian river Nile



(Fig. 6) The fortress of Borg Rashid village



(Fig. 7) Christian Monasteries in Wadi Al-Natrun



(Fig 8) Waterwheels in rural Fayoum



(Fig 9) Products of pottery hand industry in Tunis village-Fayoum

Abstract Guidelines & Submission

ABSTRACTS

Authors are invited to submit abstracts of no more than **400 English words**, under one of the four sub-themes, but are not limited to these themes.

Abstracts must include information about the problem/objective of the paper, theoretical insights, methodology, findings/results, discussion/conclusion, and ended by Key words.

Abstracts should be submitted by 1 October 2021, using a font of Times New Roman 12pt, with single spacing, and left aligned text.

The title of paper must be uppercase. Title and name of author/s (no more than 3 co-authors may be listed): in bold; title, first name followed by surname in capitals; followed by the institutional address in plain text; and email address in italics

Abstracts will be sent for review and participants will be informed by 1 November 2021 whether an abstract has been accepted. Inclusion of an abstract in the Colloquium Book of Abstract is dependent on receipt of the Registration Fee.

SUBMISSION

Abstract submission requires two steps:

1. Pre- Registration of author(s) wishing to participate at the conference in person by filling in the online form available at the following web page:

<https://mu.menofia.edu.eg/art/igucsr2022/ConHome/en> **PREREGISTER HERE.**

(Please note that preregistration is not the confirmation of abstract acceptance and/or conference participation).

2. Sending the abstract as an e-mail attachment (in docx, rtf or odt format) to:
igucsr2022@art.menofia.edu.eg

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Kindest regards,

Organizing Committee & Steering Committee of the CSRS-IGU

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