A Brief Introduction to:
The International Conference on Traditional Knowledge for Water Resources Management (TKWRM 2012)

21 – 23 February 2012
Yazd, Iran

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a Maqsam (above) & its illustration on a rug (below)
Objectives

1. Bringing together leading water management experts around the world to
   - Present their findings and lessons learnt from sustainability, adaptation to climate variability, and community participation of traditional water management techniques
   - Discuss how to incorporate such technologies into short-term decision making and long-term water management and policy-making

Objectives (continued)

2. Identify research areas for incorporating modern advancements with traditional knowledge

3. Establish a permanent secretary at ICQHS to network among scientists contributing to understanding of traditional techniques in water resources management and to host the “International Qanats Club“
Conference Themes

THEME I:
Sustainability of Traditional Water Management Systems and Coping with Emerging Challenges (Climate Change & Food Security Issues)

THEME II:
Traditional Practices in Community Participation and Level of Decision-Making in Water Resources Management

THEME III:
The Role of Culture in Water Resources Management

Steering Committee

- **Conference Chair: M. Namjoo**
  Minister of Energy of Iran

- **Conference Co-chair: M. R. Attarzadeh**
  Deputy for Minister of Energy in Water & Waste Water Affairs, Head of the Governing Board of International Center on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures, ICQHS

- **Conference Secretary: Dr. A. A. Semsar Yazdi**
  Director of the International Center on Qanats and Historic Hydraulic Structures, ICQHS
  (under the auspices of UNESCO)
Scientific Committee

1. Ms. A. Aureli (UNESCO-IHP)
2. Prof. H. Fahlbusch (Luebeck University, Germany)
3. Dr. Alberto T. Guibert (UNESCO-IHP)
4. Prof. Fekri A. Hassan (Egypt)
5. Dr. N. Hatcho (Japan)
6. Dr. L. Hyde (UNESCO-IHE)
7. Dr. Dale R. Lightfoot (Oklahoma State University - USA)
8. Prof. Pietro Laureano (IPOGEA, Italy)
9. Prof. E. McBean (Guelph University - CANADA)
10. Dr. H. Nash (England)
11. Dr. H. Nawata (RIHN, Japan)
12. Prof. Andreas S. Nagy (UNESCO-IHE)
13. Dr. R. Ardekanian (UN Water)
14. Dr. A. Salih (Sudan)
15. Prof. Robert G. Varady (Arizona University-USA)
16. Prof. S. Sorooshian (University of California, Irvine, USA)

Organizers
Establishment of the conference secretariat (Since June 2010)

Establishment of the scientific committee secretariat

Initiating the conference website

Launching call for Papers (via emails, websites, and conference flyers)

Collecting and Evaluating the Abstracts

Notifying the Authors about the Acceptance of their Abstracts
Conference Website

tkwrn.icqhs.org

Paper Statistics

Total Number of Abstracts: 600

Accepted 400 (66%)
Declined 200 (34%)
At the last day of the conference, a short course will be started:

“Short Course on World History of Water Management”

23-27 Feb 2012

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