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FORWARD

We are excited to welcome you to the new issue of the Libyan Journal of Ecological and Environmental Sciences and Technology (LJEEST), which is the leading academic journal in its field with peer-reviewed contributions of a high quality. The LJEEST is a biannually scientific referred periodical international journal issued by Studies and Research Center for Environmental Science and Technology (SRCET), in accordance to resolution of the Council of Center for Environmental Science and Technology (1/2018). LJEEST is a scientific journal covering wide area subjects of Ecological and Environmental Science. The editorial board of LJEEST are welcome submission of Original articles of archival value covering research and development topics, which span all areas of Environmental Science and Technology. This journal is unique in that it encourages authors to submit works addressing fundamental and scientific aspects together with science applied/Environmental issues, The Journal is designed to advance scientific knowledge and to foster innovative Technology solutions in Environmental Science, Ecotoxicology and risk assessment, Environmental remediation, as well as climate change. This volume consists of twelve papers following the water resources quality, Land desertification, Climate Change, Stress ecology in marine, freshwater & terrestrial ecosystems, Environmental sustainability. As the underscores, this collection of articles pursues specific objectives while complementing the existing literature on Environmental Science and Technology which are blindly peer reviewed by reviewers to ensure optimum standard.

Finally, we would like to thank many people who created the opportunity for the journal to be born and who made it happen. The list includes all current Editorial Board, the LJEEST team, and many others. The last, but not the least my greatest thanks goes to Authors for submitting their work.

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