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Perspectives, Policy Responses and Sustainable Development in the Arab Region - Challenges and Opportunities

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Dear colleagues from Iran,

Our team here at NDRD "base camp" has thought of a better compromise to be able to make your payment for ISDEHS 2006 easier.

As some of you are already aware, NDRD will hold its first **General Assembly** on December 6, 2006 and one of the big questions to resolve will be, if we shall include Yemen, Pakistan and Iran into our mandate. Obviously by the looks of it and the number of Iranian members that we already have, there is no doubt that this question will be answered with a positive response regarding Iran.

Since according to our Constitution we "appoint" the first **Member State Representative (MSR)** of each country for the first term (thereafter properly decided by majority vote), we have decided that we will give this position to **Prof. Dr. Mohammad Chizari**, **Professor and Head of the Agricultural Extension & Education Department at the College of Agriculture at Tarbiat Modarres University**.

This choice was based on the relentless team effort, Prof. Chizari has proofed to us during the preparation of ISDEHS, his ability to apply virtual teaming methods, his networking skills and his numerous innovative ideas for further improvement.

We would like to appeal to all of our new **Iranian NDRD members** to assist Prof. Chizari in 2007 to prepare information about the desertification situation in Iran that we can put online, to create focal points for different topics that interested colleagues from all over the world may contact, links to other important websites concerned with drylands ecology and human security in Iran, etc. Of course in return we will mention your names for the work you did on NDRD website!

Now Prof. Chizari has offered to help with the credit card / bank transfer problem and we can now provide a new and *more comfortable option*.

Here is how much they will have to pay in Iranian Rial (IRR)

	Early Registration (Deadline is October 20, 2006 Iranian Rial (IRR)	Late registration (Deadline is November 20, 2006) Iranian Rial (IRR)	Post Symposium Field Trip and Dubai Creek Dinner Cruise Iranian Rial (IRR)
NDRD Member*	1,500,000	2,500,000	
Normal Registration	2,500,000	3,500,000	
Postgraduate Student	1,000,000	1,500,000	
Observer 1 day (without scientific contribution)	500,000	800,000	1,000,000
Observer 2 days (without scientific contribution)	1,000,000	1,600,000	

You urgently must fax as well as mail Prof. Dr. Mohammad Chizari a copy of your receipt, have your name and if applicable Abstract ID **clearly on the receipt**.

Please mail it to the following address:

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