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Environmental Technology and Management Association (ETMA) is the Saudi Arabian Section of Air and Waste Management Association. ETMA became the first international section of the Association in 1993 and currently has approximately 80 members. The goals of ETMA are to promote technology exchange, professional development, networking opportunities, public education and outreach events.

New Board Members

New board members were elected and took their position as of March 2006.

Position	Name
Chairman	Dr. Khaled Al-Abdulkader
Vice-Chairman	Dr. Nadeem AhmedKhan
Secretary	Mr. Mahmud Osman
Treasurer	Mr. James Findley
Past Chair	Mr. Yasser Kattan
Director	Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Suwailem
Director	Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Shaibani
Director	Mr. Khalaf Al-Anazi
Director	Mr. Fayez Al-Senan

<http://www.etma-sa.org>

Dear Members,

On behalf of the ETMA members, I would like to welcome you all to your association. I hope that ETMA will open the door for more creativity and undertakings that could benefit us all in the future.

I encourage all our members to support ETMA and help us accomplish our mission by sharing your time, energy and resources. There are so many important services that we can provide to all our members and also to our community at large, through knowledge sharing, information dissemination, education and awareness building. We will have a busy year ahead of us and with your efforts and support there is no doubt that we can all achieve our goals.

Best wishes to us all.

Dr. Khaled Al-Abdulkader
Chairman, ETMA

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BIRD FLU....

Dinner Meeting

Regular dinner meetings are held through out the year in Saudi Arabia as part of ETMA activities. Past ETMA dinner newsletters and dinner meetings can be found on <http://www.etma-sa.org>

Two dinner presentations were given on March 28, 2006 covering on the theme of Bird-Flu. The distinctive guest speakers invited were Mr. Abdullah H. Al-Suhaibany and Dr. Abdul Jabbar M. Al-Rida, who gave their insight to the current bird-flu problem.

The dinner meeting generated great interest with questions that fascinated the audience. The presentations were very informative, due to the unique conditions that exist in Saudi Arabia in regards to the bird migration, flocks of bird in the migration path over Arabia and the natural habitat of birds in the challenging desert environmental.

Presentation # 1

"Status of Migrating Birds in Saudi Arabia and Bird Flu"

Mr. Abdullah H. Al-Suhaibany



Natural Resources and Protected Area Unit,
Regional Organization for the Conservation of
the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of
Aden (PERSGA),

Arabia is recognised as an important migration route for birds as it is located between three continents. There are important habitats that are being used by millions of birds every year. More than 490 species of birds are recorded in Saudi Arabia alone. Out of this number, about 130 species are confirmed breeding and 27 species are endemic to the Arabian Peninsula. Some of these species are 'Globally Threatened' and others are considered to be near threatened.

During the last 15 years, there has been an upsurge in bird research and knowledge in Saudi Arabia. Such progress is attributed to increased exploitation of natural resources, which has led to a greater awareness of potential conflicts with wild birds and pollution research that has shown wild birds are useful as an indicator of the health of our environment. However, 'Avian Flu' is becoming a serious threat to human health all around the world, and migratory birds are considered responsible for the spread of this disease.
.... ***Is this true?***

The presentation provided some information about the status of the breeding and migratory birds in Saudi Arabia. It also highlighted species migrating to Saudi Arabia, which have been recorded in other countries as carriers of avian influenza viruses. The presentation discussed the considering of wild bird as responsible of the wide spread of the Avian Flu. Some recommendations that might reduce the effects of the Avian Flu and eliminate its distribution were presented.

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Presentation # 2

“Face to Face with Bird Flu (Avian Influenza)”



Dr. Abdul Jabbar M. Al-Rida

Supervisor, Bio Security Poultry Farms, Eastern Province, Chief Officer, Avian Influenza Eastern Province, Ministry of Agriculture, Al-Khobar.

Summary: Influenza virus belongs to the family of ORTHOMYXO VIRIDIAE. It is ANTIGNICALLY divided into three types (A – B – C). The (B – C). infects only humans and (A) infects birds,

mammals and humans .

SOME PICTURES FROM THE EVENT



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Short Articles

Invitation to Publishing Short Articles as of June 2006. ETMA will start publishing bi-monthly articles in ITS E-Newsletter section on ETMA website www.etma-sa.org. The article contents should be a minimum of one (1) page to (3) three page long, this including figures, tables and diagrams.

If you are interested, please send the article(s) in word document format with font size 12. Any figures and pictures must be of good quality resolution.

Author name

Telephone

E-mail

Company/Institute

Article Title

ETMA Member (Y/N)

This is a great opportunity to publish your work in Saudi Arabia through ETMA. All students and professionals are encouraged to participate. Annual prize will be awarded for the best professional and Student article(s).

Our aim at ETMA is to preserve, protect and enhance natural ecosystem, promote sustainable development and educate people on the issues of environmental concerns from air, land to marine. If you want to share any such ideas or concerns, then ETMA is organization through which you can share your all your thoughts.

Welcoming New ETMA Members

Welcome to the following new ETMA Student members:

1. Al-Ghamdi, Abdullah M.
2. Al-Ahmri, Mohammad Abdulaziz
3. Al-Ahmri, Mamdouh H.
4. Al-Mutawah, Yousef Jawah
5. Abraham, Manoj
6. Al- Khalifah, Adel J.
7. Al-Sadeq, Raeid

New membership cards are currently being sent to all Local Associates.

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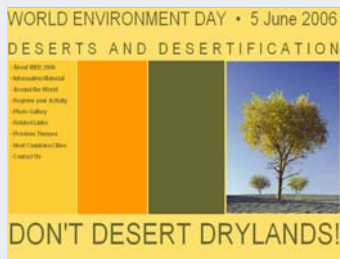
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The World Environmental Day

ETMA is planning to celebrate 'The World Environmental Day' (WED) on June 5, 2005. The WED is developed by the United Nation to promote awareness and enhances political attention and action. More information can be found on the UN website: <http://www.unep.org/wed/2006/english/index.asp>

The theme for the Environmental Day will be on '**Deserts and Desertification**'. ETMA will post the upcoming event with an agenda. Prominent guest speakers will be invited to present during the World Environmental Day.

The slogan of the event is ***Don't Desert Drylands!***

ETMA Environmental Directory

ETMA will start listing contacts names of Environmental Companies on their ETMA website www.etma-sa.org, as of 1 June 2006. This is a great opportunity to advertise your company name and its business discipline.

The online directory provides an unrivalled opportunity for a variety of national and international clients to gain access to Saudi Arabia through ETMA Environmental Directory. Your company name and details will be listed and will have a link directly to your company's home webpage.

Joining the ETMA Environmental Directory will also allow you to gain new business referrals and raise your company profile. The annual cost of listing on ETMA is 100 SAR only.

Other inclusive benefits by joining ETMA Environmental Directory includes, listing your company name on regular ETMA e-mail updates, monthly Newsletters and regular Dinner meetings held in Saudi Arabia to all registered members and non-members.

If you are interested and keen to take part in establishing the first kind of Environmental Directory with ETMA, kindly provide the following information's:

Example of Format:

KSA Environmental Company, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

Specialist independent organization, established to provide factual information on the quality of the indoor air environment. To suit indoor air quality issues we provide various levels of audit.

[Email](#) | [Company details](#)

Contact Staff:
Address:
Telephone:
Fax:
E-mail/Website:

ETMA Gifts

All members who join or renew their membership will receive their choice of one of the following gifts: key chain, calculator-calendar, or pen, see <http://www.etma-sa.org> Gifts can only be picked up at an SAS-A&WMA event by the new/renewing member. International renewals must show up on the official A&WMA membership list in order to qualify (to check your status, go to www.awma.org and log in with your membership number).

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ETMA Conference Alter

The 5th Specialty Conference on the Environmental Progress in Oil & Petrochemical Industries is tentatively planned for April 23-25, 2007 in Bahrain. The Conference theme is '**Environmental Sustainability**'. Visit our website www.etma-sa.org for any further developments.

International

June 2006

- 01 [Green Roofs 2006](#) London United Kingdom
- 02 [Moving Towards and Beyond Corporate Social Responsibility](#) LONDON United Kingdom
- 02 [Natural City Workshops](#) Toronto Canada
- 03 [Radical Futures 2: The Role of Renewable Energies in Preventing Climate Chaos](#) London United Kingdom
- 04 [Participatory Approaches in Science and Technology \(PATH\)](#) Edinburgh United Kingdom
- 05 [Coastal Environment 2006 - Sixth International Conference on Environmental Problems in Coastal Regions including Oil and Chemical Spill Studies](#) Rhodes Greece
- 05 [Conference: Environment for Europe - EnE06](#) Bgrade Serbia
- 06 [The Twelfth Nigerian Economic Summit \(NES #12\)](#) Abuja, Nigeria Nigeria
- 06 [International Cities, Town Centres & Communities \(ICTC\) Conference](#) Newcastle Australia
- 06 [2006 Salford Systems' International Data Mining Conference](#) Sydney Australia
- 06 [Geo-Environment & Landscape Evolution 2006 - Second International Conference on Geological Environment and Landscape](#) Rhodes Greece
- 08 [Third International Conference: Animals, Zoos and Conservation](#) Poznan Poland
- 11 [8th HIGHWAY AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT SYMPOSIUM](#) Nicosia Cyprus
- 12 [Symposium on corruption and Environmental protection](#) Bremen, Germany
- 12 [The 5th International Operation and Maintenance Conference in the Arab World OMAINTEC](#) Beirut Lebanon
- 13 [Fourth NEW-CUE Writers' Conference and Workshop in honor of Rachel Carson](#) Boothbay Harbor Maine
- 14 [Eco-Architecture 2006](#) New Forest, UK United Kingdom
- 18 [Small-scale Forestry and Rural Development: The intersection of ecosystems, economics and society](#) Galway Ireland
- 18 [International Symposium on Nanotechnology in Environmental Protection and Pollution](#) Hong Kong China
- 18 [Moving up the Value Chain](#) Glasgow United Kingdom
- 18 [15th World Business Congress](#) Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 19 [THE 2006 ASAIHL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT](#) Penang, Malaysia
- 20 [A&WMA's 99th Conference & Exhibition](#) New Orleans Louisiana
- 21 [3rd Renewable Energy Finance Forum - Wall St](#) London United Kingdom
- 22 [12th International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment](#) Kona Hawaii
- 22 [GeoForum 2006](#) Johannesburg Other
- 25 [ICESP X - International Conference on Air Pollution Abatement Technologies - future challenges?](#) Cairns Australia
- 25 [INTERNATIONAL GREEN ENERGY CONFERENCE \(IGEC-2\)](#) Oshawa Canada
- 25 [Mangrove Macrobenthos Meeting 2](#) Gold Coast Australia
- 26 [Applied Simulation and Modelling](#) Rhodes Greece
- [The 15th IASTED International Conference on Applied Simulation and Modelling will provide an international forum for researchers and practitioners to exchange new ideas and practice al experience in the areas of simulation and modelling.](#)
- 27 [EuroSun 2006](#) Glasgow United Kingdom
- 28 [International Peace Research Association \(IPRA\) Biennial Conference](#) Calgary Canada

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July 2006

03 [6th International Whitehead Conference - The Importance of Process](#) - Salzburg Austria

03 [5th Global Conference: Environmental Justice and Global Citizenship](#) Oxford United Kingdom

This conference aims to explore the role of ecology and environmental ideas in the context of contemporary society and international politics, and assess the implications for our understandings of fairness, justice and global citizenship.

05 [Accuracy 2006 \(7th International Symposium on Spatial Accuracy Assessment in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences\)](#) Lisbon Portugal

07 [Annual Conference on Environmental Education](#) Bangalore India

08 [International Seminar 2006 - Unity in Diversity as a Foundation for Peace and Security](#) Walenstadt Switzerland

09 [Students of Sustainability](#) Brisbane Australia

10 [Academy of world Business, Marketing & Management Development 2006](#) Paris Other

11 [Making Space: Leisure, Tourism and Renewal](#) Bristol United Kingdom

11 [ACUN-5 International Composites Conference: Advanced, Infrastructure, Natural and Nanocomposites](#) Sydney Australia

16 [26th International Congress of Applied Psychology](#) Athens Greece

19 [Biodiversity in Inhabited Areas of Eastern Africa](#) Kampala Uganda

23 [11th International Congress of Behavioral Ecology](#) Tours France

29 [Emergence: Nature's Mode of Creativity](#) Star Island (off the coast of Portsmouth) New Hampshire

31 [OTEM /Optoelectronic Techniques for Environmental Monitoring and Risk Assessment](#) Baia Mare Romania

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