

Jordan Activities
Quarterly Report-VII
Sustainable Development of Drylands Project
IALC-BRDP

Activities Summary (April 1 – June 30, 2004):

Bio-solid Analysis:

- The proposal for phase II of this project is prepared with the focus on the applications of bio-solid. The proposal is under review by the University of Arizona.

Study Tour in Bio-solid analysis and application in Tucson, Arizona:

- A two weeks study tour for water and natural resources specialists from Jordan is accomplished for participants from 4 Jordanian institutes during May 2004. They are 1 from NCARTT, 1 from ASEZA, 1 from BRDP, and 1 from WAJ.
- The participants were exposed to lectures, laboratory demonstrations, discussions, and field visits in the area of bio-solid analysis and applications.

Wadi Mousa Visitor Center

- Dr. Erin Addison, the Landscape Architecture graduate student, who is designing the landscape and interpreting materials for the Wadi Mousa Visitors' center, visited the site to collect more information and field data including interviews with the local people. A BRDP staff member assisted her in translating interviews with local people.

Wastewater Workshop in Jordan

- A workshop in the area of recycling of wastewater and bio-solids was conducted in cooperation with NCARTT during the first week of June.
- Fifteen participants from 6 institutes were exposed to lectures and lab demonstrations in the area of wastewater and/or bio-solid analysis and applications.
- The workshop was conducted by four experts from the University of Arizona.

Workshop with Hashemite University

- Dr Ramzi Touchan, from University of Arizona, conducted a workshop titled "Sustainable Water Resources Management: the Role of Proxy Records in Understanding Drought and its influence on Reclaimed Water Resources" in cooperation with the Hashemite University, during the second third of July 2004.
- The workshop introduced techniques and applications of dendrochronology and other proxy records and describes their roles in generating information on climatic trends and affected ecological resources of management-oriented decision-making.

Water Demand Management Conference

- The IALC support, through the Sustainable Development of Drylands Project for the re-use track in the Water Demand Management conference been held during the period May 30 to June 3, 2004 in Jordan is transferred.

Activities Summary for the following period (July 1 – September 30, 2004):

Bio-solid Analysis:

- The final report for phase-I will be finalized.
- The proposal for phase-II of the project will be approved and the work for this phase will start.

Wadi Mousa Visitor Center

- Working on the designs.

Aqaba Water Conserving Garden

- Finishing the designs and submitting them to ASEZA.

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