

Preface

The Research Project ICCAP - Impact of Climate Changes on Agricultural Production System in Arid Areas - is one of five first pioneer research projects of the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), which were launched in 2002. The ICCAP selected the Seyhan River Basin in Turkey as a main case study area, and then it is being implemented as an international joint research project in cooperation with TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey). At the end of second year of the project, March 2004, we have summarized the research progress of sub-groups and individual topics and publish them as the Interim Report.

This volume contains the interim reports from sub-groups and participants with overview of the progress of the whole project. The Japanese participants prepare almost all papers, while all research activities, especially field observations and measurements, are being carried out with the Turkish Team and participants from other countries. One of the objectives of publishing the Interim Report, of course, is to review the research activities and outcomes at the midterm of the project period from 2002 to 2007, and to re-organize the research plan in order to realize the outcomes expected at the initial stage. On the other hand, we would like to appreciate the 'un-expected' interesting findings in these two years. Through the process of reviewing the activities and outcomes, we have tried to identify new scope or point to be developed in the remained period or the future project. These 'eggs' might be still set in each sub-topics waiting for incubation.

We coordinators hope the ICCAP will be a real international joint research project, providing people living in the case study areas and the international societies with fruitful outcomes, based on the interim reviewing.

Finally, we would like to appreciate all participants of ICCAP for their efforts and contributions and we believe they enjoy the joint research and the project comes up to the expectations of RIHN, TUBITAK and all concerning groups. We also want to express our special thanks to our colleagues of RIHN for secretarial works and for editing this volume.

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