

## CLOSING ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF CIEC

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Dear President of the Organisational Committee,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear colleagues,

At the termination of the 3rd International Symposium on "Water and Fertilizer Use for Food Production in Arid and Semi-arid Zones" today here in Benghazi, I can state, as the President of CIEC, that this Symposium was one of the most important forums of scientists and specialists in the fields of water and fertilization, of agronomists, irrigation engineers and the fertilizer industry. Delegates from 18 countries in semi-arid and arid zones on 4 continents, more than 130 participants and representatives of many interested international organizations have taken part in this symposium. The Symposium emphasized the fact that water and fertilizers are very important factors for increasing world food production.

I can state that the work of the Symposium took place in an atmosphere of consolidation and of international scientific cooperation.

The Symposium was particularly marked by the broad exchange of experience and scientific and practical information among the experts and specialists of different countries. The contribution of the scientists from the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah with its 17 scientific publications and more than 40 papers and 5 general reports by other delegates was most remarkable; the repercussions can be felt in both agriculture and industry and within the whole economy of each country interested in these problems. Therefore, I would like to express, in the name of CIEC, our gratitude to those who have contributed to this success. I am certainly speaking for the members of CIEC as well as for all participants of the Symposium; and it is a great pleasure to express first of all my gratitude to the authorities of S.P.L.A.J. and especially to the authorities of Garyounis University, to the Organisational Committee and the Vice-President, Prof. Dr. A. Lairji, who kindly granted the esteemed support of the University to our 3rd International Symposium.

In the name of the CIEC committee and following the suggestions of the general referees for the 5 different sections, I ask our Vice-President, responsible for the scientific programme, Prof. Dr. E. Welte, to present to us the recommendations of the Symposium.