

Dire predictions, and new approaches, described the tenor of presentations made during the opening day of the Drylands, Deserts and Desertification Conference last week held at the Sde Boker campus of Ben-Gurion University in Israel.

The conclave, the third annual international conference organized by the University's Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research in cooperation with UNESCO was devoted to the theme "The Route to Restoration." Organized by BGU professor Alon Tal, a leading environmental figure in Israel, over five hundred participants from fifty countries were expected to have participated at the four-day conference. (...)

A Report:

<http://www.greenprophet.com/2010/11/biodiversity-is-in-peril-thought-leaders-appeal-for-change-at-desert-conference/>

The website of the Conference:

<http://www.entersymposium.com/ddd/site/>