It was a great moment for me to receive the Visiting International Fellowship” award during ASCE Honorary Member Induction Ceremony, International Fellowship Reception & Icebreaker-section & Branch Welcome in the Exhibit Hall: Grand Ballroom Salons on May 15th, 2007. I was one of the three recipients of the EWRI’s “Visiting International fellowship” award in the World Environmental and Water Resources Congress and my selection was made competitively by the IC’s Visiting International Fellowship Task Committee members.

The effort made by Cristiane Queiroz Surbeck, P.E., Co-Chair, Visiting International Fellowship and my host Dr. Mark Stone, Desert Research Institute (DRI), Las Vegas, for making my visit successful is enormous and I am deeply grateful to them for their kind support.

I arrived to the US on the evening of May 10th and to Las Vegas on the early morning of May 11th. I stayed in Las Vegas until the evening of May 14th. The visit to Tampa, FL started from the evening of May 14th to the morning of May 19th.

**Summary of activities:**

During my visit to DRI, I interacted with researchers and professors and I had the chance to discuss different avenues of collaborations. Also, I presented my research entitled “Enhancing Public Participation in Local Air Pollution Assessment: A Citizen Participation Prototype from Zarqa
Governorate, Jordan” to the people of DRI. My host Dr. Stone has arranged a visit for me to the Red Rock Canyon in Las Vegas.

On Monday May 14th, 2007 we left Las Vegas to Tampa, Florida to attend the EWRI Congress. During the Congress, I interacted with Panel experts, task committee members, American Society of Civil Engineer (ASCE) officials, Scientists and Professors from different teaching and research institutes over the globe, Central and State government officials, NGO’s and various agencies of USA. It was really a great opportunity for me to interact with eminent scientists who came from various parts of the globe on the topics of my interest.

During the Congress several activities were took place including:
- On May 16th, I have participated in the panel discussion on water and environmental issues in developing countries.
- On May 17th, I presented my paper titled “Perspectives on sustainable wastewater treatment technologies and reuse options in urban areas in the Mediterranean region”
- I was involved in many professional and cultural activities with Dr. Stone.

Finally, I believe the VIP is a great program and excellent opportunity to attend this congress, interact with scientists in my area, and learn about US culture.

**Word of appreciation and acknowledgement:**

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