

## **PREFACE**

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There are papers from the International Symposium on Convective Heat and Mass Transfer in Sustainable Energy (CONV-09), organized on behalf of the International Centre for Heat and Mass Transfer and held on April 26 – May 1st, 2009, in Hammamet, Tunisia.

The objective of this conference is to bring together researchers in a forum to exchange innovative ideas, methods and results, and visions of the future related to the general theme of convective heat and mass transfer.

This meeting is firstly focus on a presentation and discussion of theory, experiments, and applications of convective heat and mass transfer in single phase and two-phase flows. An emphasis is placed on the significant recent advances in convective heat transfer in systems for conversion and/or storage of Solar Energy. The importance of such systems is continuously increasing to a point where their dimensioning and design become dominant factors for energy sustainability. While researchers work overtime to create new technologies and methods of providing energy, it is critical that modern industry and environmental strategies make the most efficient use of energy that is currently available. Furthermore, design of buildings with low consumption energy and heat exchangers for air conditioning is becoming a great challenge for reducing pollution and emission of gases with greenhouse effects. Indeed, because of the obscuration and global warming, scientists predict an increase of about 6 degrees of the global temperature in 2100 if human and industrial activities will continue as they have been done in last decades.

Keynote lectures and papers are covering a wide range of topics related to classical and emerging areas of convective heat and mass transfer applications, including:

- Enhancement of heat exchangers
- Jets and Forced Convection
- Natural and Mixed convections
- Thermo-solutal convection, Mass transfer and pollutant dispersion
- Conversion and Storage of solar energy, Geothermal energy
- Fluid mechanics, Turbulence and wind power
- Phase change, Boiling, condensation, two-phase flows
- Production of Hydrogen and Cooling of fuel cells
- Thermo-mechanical analysis of electronic cooling
- Heat transfer and fluid mechanics in greenhouse and building

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