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## SIL News

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### Topic:

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**Topic author:** aoren

**Subject:** SIL News

**Posted on:** 01 Feb 2014 23:41:06

**Message:**

This topic does not exactly relate to the board meeting, but aybe some members of the board may comment on this and maybe help. Here is a message I just recevied from Ramseh Gulati, editor of SIL News:

Dear Aharon

How you will find a few min to read my request for some news about the fate of Salt Lakes in general but those threatened by Man in special.

I see that salt lakes are very much in limelight, at least in the Facebook because some salt lake people regularly exchange news on the fate of these lakes through this social medium.

Please have a look at the email by Somayeh Sima below. I am looking for someone who can briefly report for the SILnews letter from time to time. I did write to couple of people earlier but they either did not reply or did not keep their promise while I find it needed that something is reported on such ecosystems that are being depleted and in many a case their existence is even threatened. You know better than I do.

Could you help in some way, including even the formal channels, inview of your position?

I will shortly start editing the newsletter64 -- it is summer issue that will appear in June 2014.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Ramesh Gulati

The e-mail by Somayeh Sima:

It is a disaster that results from an unsustainable water management, which we had in Iran during the past decades. There are also similar stories on depletion of the natural ecosystems like lakes in other parts of the world because of increasing water consumptions. In my opinion, dam construction itself is not the main cause of such consequences. The major problem is non-optimum water allocation for wasteful irrigation and inspiring population growth, while the country can't afford the current population's welfare.

Anyhow, apart from the causes of these problems which are known to some extent, now we are looking to scientific and feasible solutions to first mitigate the negative outcomes of this environmental disaster such as wind-drawn salty dust, and second to plan for the lake partial restoration.

Based on the satellite images of the September 2013, currently we have lost the south part of the lake and just some deep parts of the north section still exist. Considering such a condition, the question is which parts of the lake should be restored? There are various priorities for restoration of the lake. To control the dust, it is essential to cover the large parts of the lake south and coastal areas which have been dried out with a minimum depth of water. On the other hands, ecologically important habitats are located in islands and near the south east estuaries.

Huge amount of money has been also invested to build accommodations and entertainment facilities for tourist in the north-west of the lake. Moreover, to control the evaporation, it seems better to reduce the evaporative area and store water in the deeper parts of the lake rather than the flat section. Thus, there are debates between specialists to prioritize the different parts of lake for restoration.

I would like to hear from my expert colleagues who have experienced or innovative ideas about these two problems. Within this page various viewpoints and experienced can be shared which in turn will help us to make use of experienced derived from international scientific communities.

## Replies:

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**Reply author:** Egor Zadereev  
**Replied on:** 02 Feb 2014 19:18:19  
**Message:**

Dr. Aladin regularly contribute to SIL news. I also produced a couple of articles for SIL newsletter in recent years. It is good opportunity to promote salt lakes research in general and the society in particular but as any voluntary activity it requires time...

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**Reply author:** pcoleman  
**Replied on:** 03 Feb 2014 16:07:19  
**Message:**

Aharon,  
Would Ramesh mind if we pasted his request onto the Facebook page so that other researchers could see it and possibly respond to him?

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**Reply author:** aoren  
**Replied on:** 03 Feb 2014 20:28:10  
**Message:**

I don't think so - go ahead and post it on Facebook

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**Reply author:** NikolayAladin  
**Replied on:** 07 Feb 2014 00:08:02  
**Message:**

SIL News is good, but we also could have information cooperation with ILEC News.  
Am I right?

Please visit URL indicated below:

<http://www.ilec.or.jp/en/>

Bill WILLIAMS always had very good cooperation both with

SIL News

and

ILEC News.

Bill published a very nice "Salt Lakes Text Book" under umbrella of ILEC.

This historic book had and still have thousands of readers.

You may download it from ILEC website right now.

May be it is wise to wrote a "NEW Salt Lakes Text Book" updated for 21st century?

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**Reply author:** Egor Zadereev  
**Replied on:** 12 Feb 2014 17:41:38  
**Message:**

Dear Nikolay, can you use the ILEC News to publish the news about upcoming ISSLR conference? It will make conference more visible by the target audience.

It is good idea about the book on salt lakes but somebody should coordinate the process.

Dear all, now we start the process to write the book on meromictic lakes. We already invited scientists from several countries and now we are trying to make the coherent outline for such book. If you now somebody active in studying meromictic lakes - please let me know.

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