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## Editorial

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Global warming, which mainly occurs due to the release of greenhouse gases by the human activities, has been accepted as one of the major environmental problems of our century. The effects of global warming, such as rising sea level, hurricanes, habitat damage of species and changes in water supply and draught, have been becoming more severe. To prevent these effects, researchers have proposed several methods such as increasing the efficiency of current energy systems, and using alternative energy systems such as nuclear, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric, solar and hydrogen.

This special issue contains 15 technical papers, which were presented by internationally recognised researchers at the Global Conference on Global Warming-2009 in Istanbul, Turkey, on 5–9 July 2009 and were selected for publication in this Journal. The primary themes of the conference were global warming and climate change, not only in engineering and science but also in all other disciplines (e.g., ecology, education, social sciences, economics, management, political sciences and information technology). The conference covered a broad range of topics on global warming policies and strategies, energetic and environmental issues, chemical aspects of global warming, renewable energy, global warming models, greenhouse gases and air pollution, sustainable energy, climate change impacts, education on climate change, forestry, exergy and environment, hydrogen and fuel cell technologies, waste management, and water resources and management. In this special issue, selected papers from this conference have been included to highlight the relationship of global warming with the following topics:

- sustainability
- air pollution
- climate
- greenhouse gas emissions
- health
- modelling
- waste management
- education
- drought.

The collection of topic included is suitable for a wide range of interests for researchers and scientists working on the relationships of global warming with the topics shown earlier. Each paper was peer-reviewed under the guidelines of the Journal before their final acceptance for publication.