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Dear Colleagues,

Sustainable Water Management and Decision Making (SWMaDM) under limited Data Availability is a thought-provoking and exiting field of research in water resources planning and management. In the last century, water demand and use have increased disproportionately to the rate of population growth combined with a complex puzzle of human stresses leading to the deterioration of water quality. This new status has led to increasing competition for scarce water resources of good quality among various water users. The problem of physical water scarcity is also often enhanced by a scarcity of organizational capacity and accountability, including limited data availability and quality, limited modeling capacity, poor understanding of management alternatives, ill-defined or overlapping competences for the SWMaDM.

This special edition of the Journal 'Water' is designed to draw attention to and present papers on SWMaDM, when data availability and quality is a concern no matter how sophisticated a modeling system is developed. This is of high importance for many areas in the Mediterranean, the new EU Member States, Central Asia and Third World Countries, among others. The information and analyses aims at contributing to the development and implementation of effective SWMaDM in a fast changing world where climate change also poses huge challenges.

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