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In 2011, I chaired the 5th International Symposium on Advances in Science and Technology (5thSASTech), held in Mashhad, Iran. The main goal of the symposium was to cast a thorough look at the advances in science and technology all over the world. It was particularly interested in presenting a good opportunity to the young scientists to present themselves to the scientific world. The symposium also aimed to encourage the participants to direct their future works toward the demand of the society. As part of the on-going discourse on the environmental issues, there is strong need for more research to mitigate the effect the human interferences in the environment and to the world as a whole. As the Mashhad symposium made clear, there is a lot happening in the environment where a special care is demanded. These symposiums thus throw an academic searchlight on many issues which have marked the current scientific research activities as a whole in many countries. The contributors to 5thSASTech tackled many important issues in the field of Civil Engineering, Electronics and Communication, Computer Engineering and Computer Science, Architecture and Urban Studies all at the edge of science and technology.

About 700 papers were submitted to 5thSASTech where 325 of them were accepted. From these, about 190 were presented orally and the rest were presented as posters. 22 papers out of 325 were selected for publication in two well known journals. The selection was based on the originality, innovation, and well preparedness all judged by well known scientists in the relevant subjects. However many attempts have been exert to call more journals to publish more qualified papers in the next symposiums.

The 6thSASTech symposium will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 24 and 25th of March 2012 where I and on behalf of the committee invite you to actively participate in it and enjoy the scientific environment made available to you. I am looking forward to meeting you there.

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