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[INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR JOHN B. THORNES](http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornesi/doku.php)  
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 [**Summary of meeting**](https://webspace.utexas.edu/hudsonpf/comland/past_meetings/murcia_j-thornes-tribute-summary.pdf)  
  
**Important Dates:**

* Conference dates: September 16-18, 2009
  + Abstract submission deadline: 31 January 2009
  + Review and suggestions by the scientific committee for authors: 28 February 2009
  + Full text submission deadline: 31 April 2009
  + Full-text review by the Scientific Committee: 30 May 2009September 16-18, 2009

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**Description**:  
  
The Area of Physical Geography at Murcia University and the Geomorphology Spanish Society invite you to participate in a special meeting entitled International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes.  
Professor Thornes (1940-2008), professor of Physical Geography and head of the Geography Department at King's College, University of London, was an exceptional researcher and Physical Geographer. He had a very special relationship with Spain throughout his life. In 1967 he developed his Doctoral Thesis in the Upper Duero, and since then carried out numerous research projects, especially in the Mediterranean area. Several institutions and universities from different countries have distinguished him with honours, including scientific societies, universities and research centres in Spain. In 1998 the Geomorphology Spanish Society named him "Honor member" and in 2006 the University of Murcia also named him "Doctor Honoris Causa".  
With this conference we offer a very deserved tribute to this scholar of enormous human qualities, as a serious, rigorous and innovative researcher, which is reflected in numerous publications and in the memories of those that met and worked with Prof. Thornes. We invite all persons, whether you directly worked Prof. Thornes or were influenced by his scholarship, to participate in this tribute. Papers and poster submissions are welcome within the following topics. Please see the [conference web site](http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornesi/doku.php?id=start), or contact Prof. Asuncion Romero Diaz (arodi@um.es) for queries and abstract submission.

* Topics:
  + Physical Geography Modelling
  + Soil erosion and desertification
  + Fluvial morphology
  + Relations water - land & vegetation
  + Impact of livestock and agriculture in terrestrial ecosystems.

**Cooperating Organizations**:  
International/National: Spanish Geomorphological Society; COMLAND  
  
Regional/Local: Dept. of Physical Geography - Murcia University, Spain