

## PREFACE

The volume is a collection of papers based on a series of interdisciplinary research projects carried out in South Morocco in a border zone between the AntiAtlas Mountains and the Sahara desert.

Research expeditions involved teams from the Geography and Geology Departments of Warsaw University (E. Mycielska-Dowgiałło, M. Dłużewski, A. Dłużewska, A. Barczuk and B. Woronko), the Faculty of Biology and Earth Sciences of the Jagiellonian University, Cracow (Sz. Biliński, K. Krzemień, B. Izmaïłow, S. Skiba, M. Skiba and K. Sobiecki) and a representative of the Faculty of Geography of Lviv University, Ukraine (L. Dubis).

The research teams and invited Moroccan researchers (including A. Laouina, A. Nahid, M. Mouhidine, A. Benali, B. Faskaoui and A. Taous) met at the Morocco 2006 Geomorphological Workshop to discuss the results.

The volume presents an update of the geographical research concerning the natural environment of South Morocco. It provides a closer look at natural conditions in the arid zone, but also touches complex issues of natural and human-induced desertification.

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