

***Interactive comment on***  
**“Intensity-Duration-Frequency and spatial  
analysis of droughts using the Standardized  
Precipitation Index” by M. Mohseni Saravi et al.**

**E. Toth (Editor)**

elena.toth@unibo.it

Received and published: 27 April 2009

Dear Authors, the four weeks after the end of the discussion phase are for the "final", concluding remarks of the Authors, but the Discussion phase, as the name says, should be a discussion, that is that there should be an exchange of opinions. In fact, when the Discussion is closed, only the Authors can submit Comments, while nor the Referees nor anyone else can add anything more or reply back to the Authors' reply. For this reason, provided that the Referees' Comments are delivered in time (and in the present case it was so), and especially when the Comments are not positive, it would be much better to reply before the end of the discussion phase, so that the Referees may read

C438

your reply and, if needed, reply back to you. Probably this should be made clearer on the paper web site, explicitly encouraging the Authors to reply during the discussion phase. I look forward to reading your reply to the Referees' comments. Best regards,  
Elena Toth

---

Interactive comment on Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci. Discuss., 6, 1347, 2009.