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Starting up a new scientific journal our aim has been to publish articles from various fields of research related to an efficient use of Earth resources, the usage of a more quality and environmentally less threatening assets-producing techniques as well as a generally healthier, more satisfactory and fulfilling life on our planet. We are open to cooperation with everyone who is willing to offer original and relevant ideas in this field.

Our aim is to present the results of surveys contributing to detection and removal of dangers to human health, diminish the usage of non-renewable energy sources as well as encourage the usage of renewable energy sources in technological processes and generally to create a socially fairer society, thus making the world a better place to live in. Our goal is to promote the development of our individual and social consciousness and responsibility for the future of our planet.

The Holistic Approach to Environment deals with exploring possibilities and developing the models of amicable co-existence of all beings on Earth. It does not deal solely with one segment of environment, but it sees the life on the planet as a whole. Its aim is to promote amicable co-existence of all beings on Earth taking the perspective of certain sciences, e.g. chemistry, energetics, ethics, medicine, economy and finding the solutions to the hot-button environmental issues of today. The holistic approach to environment does not only set the question of how to achieve the goal, but also WHY

it is necessary and if it contributes to amicable co-existence of all beings.

Amicability includes serenity, conscientiousness, care and responsibility at the present moment and in the perspective. The highest level a human being can reach is to be kind-hearted and to embrace the concept of kindness. Kindness is what creates a more pleasant and satisfactory existence of an individual within a community, taking parental care of all of its members and ingeniously developing all of their potential. We would like to publish articles which show the amicability is not an obsolete value and imply that it is possible to be both successful and civil, even in today's harsh times. Amicable co-existence of all beings is not a childish utopia but a concept which is crucial for survival of our civilization. Greed, arrogance and cruelty, indulgence in which has been promoted by today's power elite, have led many people to horrendous poverty, bonded labor and imposed wars.

Human knowledge becomes wisdom only if it comprises freedom, love and justice and only if the fruits of technological and all other kinds of prosperity are accessible to everyone who wants to use them. People share the planet with animals and plants. As intellectually superior to animals, we should pose an example in creating a meaningful life for individuals and their satisfactory co-existence within the species. However, humanity has been providing us with horrific examples.

Dealing with animals as if they were consumables, people provoke unprecedented screams and horrors causing suffering even when we do not fight for our own survival. As intelligent and conscious beings we should never inflict intensive pain on purpose.

Finally, closing this editorial note I recollect the late Alenka Rastovčan Mioč, who passed away in May 2010 at the age of 45. As a full-time professor at the Faculty of Metallurgy - University of Zagreb, she was a forerunner of this magazine. She presented an ideal professor epitomizing a great scope of knowledge related to technological aspects of

environment protection and deeply embodied moral values. Dedicated to the protection of the weak, she relentlessly fought for the protection of human health and quality of life; she was a leader and a role model. I was honored to have the opportunity to cooperate with such a person in the field of science and education, to develop ideas and create new models, to improve the transfer of knowledge at the level of university, and to be her colleague and a friend. Her impact was great and she will remain our true inspiration. She embodied a holistic approach to environment and a holistic personality. In memoriam.