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The first year of issuing of our new magazine has come to an end. According to the plan, 4 issues have been released with papers from various European countries while scientific papers from non European countries are waiting to be proofread. A prominent editor's board has been established and I am convinced that the journal will be developing further, establishing references in other secondary data basis and brushing up its profile. Although most of the papers come from technical and natural sciences, several papers from humanities have been issued. The idea of holistic environment has been widely recognized making me really glad.

Future may not seem optimistic at the moment. Economic crisis caused by dominant model of society leads to contamination of the material and the spiritual environment. Climatic changes bring their consequences, global warming may not be subdued under 2 °C. Neoliberal capitalism suffocates in its greed, unscrupulousness and spiritual savagery. The dark angel of market coliseum brings ever more misery, poverty, hunger and death. Even Europe, once considered to be the bastion of democracy and social justice, has not stayed intact. The powerful, rich and cruel keep on hiding its (symbolically speaking) vampire fangs. Bad spirits are raving and send a message that their way is the only way we can pursue.

We have started the magazine with the key word: amicability. It is the goal we want to achieve and the goal we are fighting for. It is the achievement we pursue and demand from ourselves and from other people.

As scientists we owe the loyalty to mankind as a whole, we are obliged to focus our intelligence to find new possibility to establish a model of materially and spiritually cleaner environment. As scientists, and primarily as people, we are obliged to be amicable to people and the environment, therefore being good to ourselves.

A better world is possible, not just better than the existing one but generally good, a world in which amicability will be easily understood and greed in personal and social relations will be considered repugnant as rape or cannibalism. It is not a utopia, it is a process! We can decide to take part in the process of creating such a form of civilisation, and we can ignore the process as well as allow the bad people to create our social reality and impose the rules we should (somehow try) to live by.

Intellectuals, especially scientists, are particularly responsible because we can implement our knowledge in the systems where modern technologies establish the domination of one group, sometimes just a small group of people over other people and nature as a whole. Modern technology does not mean just using modern materials and new ways of using the existing materials but the technologies of managing societies. The responsibility is on scientist of all kinds, regardless of what they do (not) do about it.

Unless we stop the ones who soil our material and spiritual environment, our scientifically established methods of cleaning either wastewater or budget deficit will not be sufficient to stop the impending global catastrophe. Our scientific duty is to propose sustainable

models of amicable society and offer them to people to either accept or reject them. At least within the areas where democracy officially exists. However, it should be offered also where true democracy does

not exist. Open society is not enough; a benevolent society is needed as well. *Non sufficit societas aperta, etiam benevola esse debet.*