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This issue is the last the second year of issuing „The Holistic Approach to Environment“. Our pre-established key goals have been reached. Starting up of the new scientific journal, our aim has been to publish papers from various fields of research related to an efficient use of Earth resources, the usage of a more quality and environmentally less threatening production techniques as well as a generally healthier, more satisfactory and fulfilling life on our planet. We have started cooperation with the scientists who are willing to offer relevant ideas in this field.

Let us recollect our key definition: „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 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, metallurgy, energetics, ethics, ecology, economy and finding the solutions to the hot-button environmental issues of today. We see environment from spiritual point of view as well as from materialistic point of view. Amicability is key word of our journal.

I am convinced in the future growth of our journal, both in quality and in quantity.

In the first two years the published works (in alphabetical order, per first author) have come from the following 8 countries on the 3 continents:

1. Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Croatia
3. Denmark
4. India
5. Poland
6. Slovakia
7. Spain
8. Tunisia

The Editorial board has included relevant scientists form the following countries on two continents:

1. Czech Republic
2. Croatia
3. India
4. Poland
5. Slovakia
6. Spain
7. Taiwan
8. Ukraine

It is of greatest importance that we have managed to maintain the contributions from both technical/natural sciences as well as socio-humanistic ones, underlining the fact that environmental issues should be tackled both from physical and spiritual aspect if we want to create a quality insight into the problem. At the beginning of the 21 century it has become evident that viewing the world only through the measurable phenomenon simply endangers our civilization.

We are also happy to remind you that we have been recognised and cited by several relevant secondary data basis, which will certainly motivate us to strive harder in reaching our goals. We hope and believe that the number of secondary data

basis citing „The Holistic Approach to Environment“ will be increasing.

The events that the world has encountered in the last two years has ascertained our initial estimate that a journal of our profile is necessary nowadays, promoting a more popular and hopefully more relevant lifestyle and philosophy!

The responsibility of science has never been greater in the history of mankind, as

the increased knowledge can be both used and misused.

We cannot argue that the consequences of our research are not our responsibility and it cannot be taken away from us. Our common goal is creating a pleasant life for the whole mankind and benevolent coexistence with animals and plants.

Changing the world for better is the right and duty of every individual.

Hominis est ius et officium mundum in melius mutare.