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The *Holistic Approach to Environment* has entered into its third year of issuing. The Editorial board hope that the increase of the journal's quality and visibility will surpass the quality increase of the years 2012 and 2011. At the very beginning of issuing, we were concerned with our prospects as a multidisciplinary journal in a scientific community.

We set off with plenty of enthusiasm and optimism and scarce financial resources. After two years of regular issuing, nothing has changed except the number of authors contributing to our journal. The number of countries the authors come from has increased as well. As the chief editor, I am proud that the journal has its readers outside Europe as well.

I am also glad to notice that the Holistic approach to environment has been overviewed by a greater number of scientific disciplines. Although chemistry, energetics and ethics have remained the core disciplines, we highly value other scientific views on our environment. Amicability in relationship towards human beings and nature is the basis of every research from the holistic standing point, and the fields of research can be versatile as long as the results directly or indirectly contribute to the idea of amicability.

Our plans for 2013 include the economic issues, as the economy as research discipline can provide the answer to sustainability of generally good ideas in the present market conditions. It is of crucial importance to determine the steps that can lead to relevant production in the near future.

Establishing the model of amicable access to environment should have the dimension of sustainability at this moment and provide the vision for development. It is possible to achieve a better world and with little conscience it is possible to imagine human relations that are much more moral than the ones presently dominating the world. But, it is not easy to determine the steps to the more righteous world. It is not easy to achieve it on the level of a single city, let alone on the world level.

As in every first yearly issue, I would like to commemorate our late professor Alenka Rastovčan Mioč. Her early and tragic death has concluded her activities in the field of holistic environment in the city of Sisak, Croatia and the world. However, her scientific work and activism remains our inspiration for amicable activity in the fight for a better and cleaner material and spiritual environment.

The scientists in the field of natural and technical sciences have the task of improving the technical level of civilisation in terms of a more quality production of industrial goods. It should prevent us from irreparable destruction of nature's balance that would prevent a dignified life of the future generations.

During 2012 it has become more evident that natural disasters take more and more human lives, and the level of material damage increases. The price of inappropriate and inhuman wealth of a small group of people is paid by the whole mankind. The whole world is to a smaller or larger extent exposed to the results of the global climate changes.

The existing level of neoliberal capitalism cannot draw the mask of sustainability and hide its blooded claws. The world economy will either turn to righteousness and amicability or the world will end up in the chaos of violence, horror and general insecurity.

It is the mission of scientists to speak up and confront the general destruction with determinacy. The gift of knowledge is burdened with moral responsibility.

Donum sapientiae fert secum onus conscientiae.