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It is my pleasure to note that our journal, *The Holistic Approach to Environment*, has stepped into its fifth year of continuous existence and we can say without any hesitation that the increase of the journal's visibility as well as quality will be continued. Same as in previous years our multidisciplinary journals with holistic perspective have team with plenty of enthusiasm and optimism, as well as scarce financial resources.

Traditionally, in every first yearly issue, I would like to commemorate our late but never forgotten professor, our colleague and friend, Alenka Rastovčan Mioč. Her very early and deeply tragic death ended her activities in scientific research as well as holistic environmentalism promotion in the Croatian society. Her contribution remains inspiration in our efforts in struggle for a better and cleaner material and spiritual environment. She always reminded us that we must not give up without fighting and quietly suffering in pollution of any kind, materialistic or spiritual.

After four years of regular issuing, the number of authors publishing in our journal is constantly growing as well as the number of countries the authors come from. The journal has its authors and readers outside of Europe, idea of holistic environmentalism has advocates all around the World.

In the 17 issues published so far, the authors of the papers came from the following 17 countries on 3 continents:

1. Austria
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Croatia

4. Czech Republic
5. Denmark
6. Greece
7. India
8. Iran
9. Jordan
10. Nigeria
11. Pakistan
12. Poland
13. Saudi Arabia
14. Slovakia
15. Spain
16. Thailand
17. Tunisia

It is important to notice that although chemistry, mechanical engineering and ethics have remained the core disciplines, other scientific views on material and spiritual environment are welcome. It is important to directly or indirectly contribute to the idea of amicability anywhere and in every possible way.

In 2014 it natural disasters take more and more human and animal lives, and the material damage increases. Climate changes are an everyday reality and we must learn to live with their implications but never accept way of living which caused them. We must constantly and tirelessly warn that radical change is necessary in our activities in everyday life, but also in way of thinking.

The whole planet is exposed to the frightening results of the climate changes. The horrible price of an heinous and inhuman wealth of an small and dangerous group of people is paid by the whole population.

Terrorism also threatens the future of humanity. People without any amicability and compassion are in some parts of world in position to be violent and evil. Religion can not be excuse for violence and hatred. Our passivity and indifference to bullies creates floods of refugees and plenty of human suffering.

Social injustice in many country of world, as sort of economical, takes human lives, too. That kind of unpunished crime takes lives very slowly but is unstoppable. Holistic environmentalism is not just theory, it is way of thinking. Conscientious man acts.

Conscientia hominis operatur.