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It is my contentment to note that our journal, *The Holistic Approach to Environment*, has stepped into seventh year of continuous existence. We can be sure that the increase of the journal's visibility as well as quality of content will be continued. Our multidisciplinary journal has team with plenty of enthusiasm and optimism in spite of poor financial resources.

I would like to commemorate our late professor, colleague and friend, Alenka Rastovčan Mioč. Her early and tragic death was a great loss for holistic environmentalism promotion in the Croatian society. Her contribution remains inspiration in our struggle for a better and cleaner environment. She always encouraged us that we must not give up without uncompromisingly fighting for our ideals.

Let us remember that all holistic environmentalists see unity of the environment in its twofold nature: the environment as a material and spiritual environment. Material environment is touchable reality (air, water, soil), and spiritual environment makes spiritual reality (relationships between humans and human relationship to non-human beings).

In modern world it is obvious that the level of purity of the material environment is determined by the level of purity of the spiritual environment and the purity of the spiritual environment is crucial for the purity of the material environment. Cleaning of material environment catalyzes cleaning of spiritual environment.

Holistic environmentalists wants to remove the causes of the destruction of the

material and spiritual environment, reductionistic environmentalist dealing with rehabilitation of consequence. So often reductionistic environmentalist do it on very cynical way. For reductionists measure of all are the benefit, while we believe in amicability.

Reductionists proclaim that injustice, humiliation and ultimately violence can not be eradicated, they want stability within sustainable injustice. We want unity, equality, freedom, brotherhood and justice. Holistic environmentalism proclaims that the world should be a peaceful and pleasant place to live for all breathing creatures. Of course it is not utopian fantasy – it is precondition for the survival of the human kind.

In the 25 issues of *The Holistic Approach to Environment* the authors of the papers came from the following 21 countries:

1. Austria
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Croatia
4. Czech Republic
5. Denmark
6. Germany
7. Greece
8. India
9. Iran
10. Jordan
11. Nigeria
12. Pakistan
13. Poland
14. Portugal
15. Saudi Arabia
16. Slovakia
17. Spain
18. Thailand

19. Tunisia
20. Turkey
21. Uzbekistan

In last years it has become more evident that natural disasters take more and more human as well as animal lives, with increase of material damage. The horrible price of disgusting wealth of a small group of powerful and vicious people is paid by

the whole humanity. It is obvious that neoliberal capitalism cannot hide its meanness. A large number of refugees in last few years is a logical result of greed and unscrupulousness various arms dealers and arrogant unscrupulous rulers.

As scientists our duty is to propose realistic sustainable models of pleasant and amicable coexistence and offer them to all people. Let do it. *Acta, non verba.*