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It is finely to note that our journal, *The Holistic Approach to Environment*, has stepped into its eight year of continuous existence and we can freely say that the further increase of the journal's visibility will be continued. Our multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary journal is leading by the team with plenty of inspiration and enthusiasm, as well as very scarce financial resources.

Traditionally, in every first yearly issue, I would like to commemorate our late professor, our reliable colleague and dear friend, Alenka Rastovčan Mioč. Her very early and tragic death ended her activities in significant scientific research as well as holistic environmentalism promotion in the Croatian society. Her inheritance remains inspiration in our efforts in struggle for cleaner material and spiritual environment.

After seven years of regular issuing, the number of authors publishing in our journal is step by step growing as well as the number of countries the authors come from. That proves journal has its readers outside of Europe, too. Idea of holistic environmentalism has advocates around the World.

It is my pleasure to note that in the 25 issues published so far, the authors of the papers came from the following 22 countries on 3 continents:

1. Austria
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Croatia
4. Czech Republic
5. Denmark
6. Germany
7. Greece
8. India

9. Iran
10. Jordan
11. Kosovo
12. Nigeria
13. Pakistan
14. Poland
15. Portugal
16. Saudi Arabia
17. Slovakia
18. Spain
19. Thailand
20. Tunisia
21. Turkey
22. Uzbekistan

Holistic approach to environment or holistic environmentalism as part of integrative bioethics perceives unity of the environment in its twofold nature. Material environment is tangible reality, spiritual environment is spiritual reality: relationships between humans and human relationship to non-human beings as well as to nature. 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 crucially affects the purity of the material environment. Therefore without the catalyzing of spiritual purification process, material environmental cleaning will need a very long period.

Holistic environmentalists want freedom, unity, justice and equality all around the World. Holistic environmentalism proclaims that the world should be a pleasant place to live for all breathing creatures. It is not utopian fantasy of childish idealists. Holistic environmentalists want to use natural resources with gratitude and appropriate measure for the

common good, not to violently distort the nature by the rising greed.

In 2017 it natural disasters take lot of human and animal lives as well as material damage increases. Climate changes are an threatening reality and we need to learn how to live with their

implications but we will never accept way of living which caused them. The horrible are consequences of abuse of science together with social injustice. We are all guilty.

Omnes sumus reus.