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IJAHP EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ENRIQUE MU EARNS BEST PAPER AWARD AT THE 2013 ISAHP SYMPOSIUM IN MALAYSIA



For his paper “A New Approach to Eyewitness Identification,” Dr. Enrique Mu, Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal on the Analytic Hierarchy Process, received the best paper award at the 12th ISAHP Symposium in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 23-26, 2013. The paper was written with his colleague, Dr. Rachel Chung, both professors at Carlow University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Their research applies the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP), a prioritization and selection methodology used in operations research, to the problem of eyewitness identification in the field of Law Enforcement.

This year’s ISAHP Symposium attracted about 150 participants, AHP multi-criteria decision-making experts, representing more than 30 countries worldwide, who delivered more than 95 papers. In the award process, as explained by Dr. Rafikul Islam, ISAHP 2013 Program Chair, a short list of seven papers was identified on the basis of the referees’ feedback from the first round review of papers. The shortlisted papers were then sent to three referees, who considered a paper’s originality, contribution to the discipline, coherence (including

methodology), literature review, and writing, to select the best paper in the second and final decision round.

Treating eyewitness identification as an AHP decision-making problem promises to increase the ratio of successful identification by eyewitnesses by approximately 50%. More importantly, Mu and Chung's study suggests that false identifications could decrease in a similar proportion. This is an important contribution to the Law Enforcement field, given that more than 70% of innocent people recently released from jail, after being exonerated from any crime based on DNA evidence, were found guilty originally because of wrong eyewitness identification. Although more experiments are still needed to make these preliminary findings conclusive, it is a very promising line of research.

Dr. Mu is an associate professor in Carlow University's MBA program as well as Director of the Summer Executive Training Program at the University of Pittsburgh where he is also an affiliated faculty member. He is an accomplished scholar and educator, who is editor-in-chief of the International Journal of the Analytic Hierarchy Process (IJAHP) dedicated to the diffusion of effective decision making.

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