

IJAHP AND THE NEXT GENERATION OF AHP/ANP SCHOLARS



Writing a good journal article requires experience. The earlier prospective scholars start writing articles for a journal, the sooner they will learn the art of writing good journal articles. It is for this reason that this journal encourages young scholars and practitioners, whom we consider the next generation of AHP/ANP scholars, to submit their papers to this academic outlet. Our editorial board makes an extra effort to assist authors in editing their paper to make it not only comprehensible but also engaging for our readers.

However, be aware that we do not get involved with the study itself, which must stand on its own in terms of quality and rigor, but rather with the writing of the journal article. In other words, we want to ensure that good studies, developed by this young generation of scholars and practitioners, are not left out due to the steep learning curve involved in learning how to write engaging journal articles. Some articles in this issue have been co-authored by seasoned scholars along with next generation of scholars. Given the large number of articles in this issue we cannot introduce them all to the reader, however we will highlight a few.

Our *Articles* section starts with a very timely paper by Thomas Saaty and Lirong Wei that asks the provocative question, “Should the UK have Brexited the European Union?” Based on the results, we just wish this study would have been done and publicized before the referendum! We would also like to call your attention to the article by Ana Lucia Pegetti and Jesse d’Assunção Rebello de Souza Jr, titled, “Cognitive maps and AHP for supplier selection in a private higher education institution”. This article won an award at ISAHP2014 in Washington, D.C. Thomas Saaty closes the *Articles* section with the paper, “Five ways to combine tangibles and intangibles”. This article is significant because an important characteristic of AHP/ANP is precisely the ability to combine tangibles and intangibles.

In our *Essays, Reviews and Comments* section we have a treat for the reader: an essay by William Adams and Elena Rokou, describing the SimpleAHP initiative to engage children and young decision-makers in the use of AHP, which was successfully presented by the first author at ISAHP2016, London UK.

Next, Valentina Ferretti, our *News and Events* editor informs our readers about the publication of two AHP books this month: first, a book titled *Applications and Theory in Analytic Hierarchy Process - Decision Making for Strategic Decisions*, edited by Fabio de Felice, Thomas L. Saaty and Antonella Petrillo. This book offers a very diverse

compendium of AHP applications and some very interesting theoretical discussions. This book will constitute a valuable reference for the AHP scholar and practitioner. It is published by INTECH and is available both in open access (free) format and as a printed book. The second book is *Practical Decision Making: Introduction to the Analytic Hierarchy Process using Super Decisions v2*, written by Enrique Mu and Milagros Pereyra-Rojas and published by Springer. This book is aimed at the novice with minimum mathematical background, and the authors indicate that it has been conceived to allow the reader to learn AHP on their own using the freely available software package Super Decisions v2. Next in this section, Multichoice, a new ANP software package developed by Maria Mirlova and Olga Andreichikova at the Russian Academy of Science in Moscow, is announced. This *News and Events* section ends with a brief note on the successful ISAHP2016 meeting in London, UK.

Enjoy this issue!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Enrique Mu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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