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Dear IJAHP Readers:

The first four articles in this issue focus on manufacturing. It was not our intention to have a special issue on this topic but interestingly enough, there were so many articles in this area that we decided to put them together in this issue. However, there is one important article, *Compatibility Indices between Priority Vectors*, by Garuti and Salomon, discussing a theoretical topic of great practical importance: How to know how close two prioritizations (e.g. by two different decision makers) are? Given the importance of this question we decided to include it in this issue so this discussion could be made available to the AHP community as soon as possible. Also, this issue includes an essay about how to get articles published in our journal and offers some valuable tips to would-be authors. This essay discusses the general criteria used by the editorial board to decide whether an article should be submitted to full review (double blind), be modified and resubmitted, or simply is not suitable to enter the IJAHP review and publication process.

With this issue we close our fourth year of peer-reviewed regular publication. We believe we are ready to start our round of applications to get the journal properly indexed. As of this date we have applied to DOJ and SCOPUS but we are exploring all the different well-known indexing organizations available to us. This is our homework for this coming year 2013. Also, beginning with this issue we have started publishing with an attractive cover designed by Antonella Petrillo who joined our editorial board for the special issue this year, Vol. 4, Issue 1, "AHP/ANP Multicriteria Decision Making on Sustainable Development", and who is staying on now on a permanent basis as our assistant managing editor. Welcome, Antonella! And to our readers, reviewers, and authors, a big thanks! Without your participation this flagship journal for our AHP/ANP community would not be possible.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Enrique Mu, PhD

IJAHP, Editor-in-Chief

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