

AHP NEWS

ISAHP 2013 MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA



A few of the participants at the ISAHP 2013 Malaysia meeting

The 2013 ISAHP meeting took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 19-23. This international symposium attracted approximately 140 participants, educators, researchers and business people who are experts in decision making with the Analytic Hierarchy Process and the Analytic Network Process. More than 30 countries were represented and more than 95 papers were presented. Dr. Rafikul Islam, of the International Islamic University Malaysia, served as the 2013 Chairman.

It was a splendid meeting, unforgettable for the breadth of the scientific contributions, the excellence of the organization and the general good fellowship enjoyed by the participants. The location of the hotel in central Kuala Lumpur was near the Petronas Towers and only a short distance from central shopping areas.

The tea breaks (more like mini-meal breaks), the lunches and the Gala Dinner were all a delight, comprised as they were of different cuisines served at every meal to satisfy the local inhabitants: Chinese, Indians, native Malay and Muslims.



Lunch with its wide variety of tasty food

Gala Dinner “Lucky Draw” event



The Gala dinner, with its special performers, gave us a rollicking good time and showed off the beauty and enthusiasm of the native dances of Malaysia. Chairman Rafikul Islam conducted a most entertaining “lucky draw” at the Gala Dinner giving away awards for every achievement imaginable. The best male and female costume awards were deservedly won by the Nigerians who appeared wearing their fantastic native costumes..

The Spanish table garnered the most awards, their cheering becoming louder and more raucous with each new award they won.

One of the most interesting things about the Gala Dinner was that the main guest speaker, a local politician told about the interesting experience he had with the Analytic Hierarchy Process while running for the office in one of the provinces of Malaysia. Researchers from the Islamic University of Malaysia suggested, ten months before the

recent election, that using AHP they could predict how many seats would be won by his party and using their model they successfully predicted the exact number of seats. A paper about this written by students at Islamic University won third prize in the student category and may be accessed in the Malaysian Proceedings on the ISAHP web site at www.isahp.org. This welcoming speech was one of the most truly knowledgeable and enthusiastic talks we have had the pleasure of hearing.

AWARD WINNING PAPERS

Prizes were awarded for the three best papers from the senior researchers and from the student attendees.

Lecturer Category.	Authors	Title of Paper
Best Paper 1	Enrique Mu Rachel Chung	A NEW APPROACH TO EYEWITNESS POLICE IDENTIFICATION
Best paper 2	Yusuf Tansel İç Mustafa Yurdakul	DEVELOPMENT OF A TWO-STAGE AMT OPTION SELECTION MODEL TO USE IN TURKISH MANUFACTURING COMPANIES
Best paper 3	Claudio Macuada Rubén Alarcón Astrid Oddershede	MULTI-CRITERIA ASSESSMENT TO AUTOMATE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS USING THE ANALYTICAL HIERARCHY PROCESS

Student Category	Authors	Title of Paper
Best Paper 1	Hsu-Shih Shih Szu-Hua Chen	A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF A MOBILE HEALTHCARE DEVICE – AN APPLICATION OF THREE-STAGE QFD WITH ANP AND TRIZ
Best paper 2	Syahidawati Shahwan Mustafa Omar Muhammad	RATING BBA AND MMP IN THEIR STAGES OF PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT BASED ON MAQASID FRAMEWORK
Best paper 3	Datin Margarita Sergeevna Peredaryenko Dato' Hj Rais Hussin Hj Mohamed Ariff	THE ANALYTIC HIERARCHY PROCESS: APPLICATION TO THE ELECTION OF THE CHIEF MINISTER OF PERAK, MALAYSIA 2013

SIGHTSEEING



“As an internationally recognised landmark, the PETRONAS Twin Towers symbolise the courage, ingenuity, initiative, and determination, energy, confidence, optimism, advancement and zest of a nation...” says Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia (1981-2003).

The Towers were one of the stops on the tour of the sights around Kuala Lumpur on the third day of the conference.

FORTHCOMING ISAHP CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, DC, USA, IN 2014

Plans are proceeding to hold the next ISAHP conference in Washington, DC, in late June 2013. Stay tuned for further announcements about this meeting.

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