

IJAHP in 2018



Dear *IJAHP* Reader:

Welcome to our third and last issue in 2018! This year has been marked by several important changes in our journal and the AHP/ANP community at large. Most important, this is the first year we are indexed by SCOPUS, signaling a new maturity stage in our journal. This should make submissions to *IJAHP* more appealing for the academic community at large. Also, the International Symposium of the Analytic Hierarchy Process (ISAHP)'s focus theme this year was a remembrance of Tom Saaty and his legacy. Many representative members of our AHP/ANP worldwide community got together in Hong Kong to celebrate Tom's legacy and contribution to decision-making. It was an event to remember!

Several AHP/ANP papers were presented at INFORMS 2018 and our news editor, Valentina Ferretti, provides a thorough report on that in our current issue. This issue also contains four regular articles related to the ethical evaluation of care attendance in hospitals, the prioritization of cities in terms of liveability according to Maqasid al-Shariah indicators, a framework for local governments in Japan to evaluate projects based on outcomes and using AHP to evaluate the performance of Middle East Airlines. This *IJAHP* issue includes three additional articles related to our special topic on Fuzzy AHP. I will let Cengiz Kahraman, guest editor for this special topic, introduce the papers in this section. The essay section discusses the implementation of an online software tool for AHP analysis by Klaus Goepel which will certainly be helpful for scholars and practitioners, as well as Claudio Garuti's reflections on AHP topics that, although familiar, are still worthy of discussion.

Finally, the upcoming 25th International Conference on Decision Making (MCDM 2019) meeting in Istanbul, Turkey will have several AHP/ANP presentations and panels and for this reason we have invited Ilker Topcu, general chair of the event, to announce these events in a news article. Furthermore, the Creative Decisions Foundation (CDF) has agreed to support a limited number of students, Ph. D. candidates, post-docs, and young researchers to attend MCDM 2019 via pledging to donate their registration fees to allow them present their studies in the conference. There will also be an opportunity to submit their manuscripts for publication in our journal.

Enjoy the issue,
Happy Holidays!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Enrique Mu". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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