

## ***Special Report on ISAHP2011***



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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am proud and honored to contribute to this issue of the International Journal on the Analytic Hierarchy Process. It is the first issue since the International Symposium on the Analytic Hierarchy Process 2011 (ISAHP 2011) was held in Sorrento (Naples - ITALY) from June 15-18, 2011. Pictures from the three days and gala dinner are posted here:

[www.isahp.org/italy2010/index.php](http://www.isahp.org/italy2010/index.php)



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The conference organizing and program committees represented all five continents, and they were able to bring together the research, applications and perspectives of their areas of the world to this truly international forum.

The papers presented in this conference reflect the critical areas of research in the AHP field. Some of the topics presented include but are not limited to:

Environmental and Sustainability Applications, Disaster Management, Decision Support System Aids, Group Decision Making, Conflict Resolution, Purchasing and Supply Chain decisions, Medical Decision Making, Civil Engineering and Urban Management Applications, Quality Management in Organizations, Marketing Decisions, Human Resource Management, and applications in the field of Education.

I believe that the Symposium and its collected papers are an effort to stimulate debate on the theme of supplying people with methods to make better decisions, allowing discussions and even confrontation in order to freely propose ideas and solutions.

In the changing social, political and technological environment we have today, I believe that we must encourage people to learn *how* to make the right decisions at the right time!

The International Symposium on the Analytic Hierarchy Process and the International Journal of the AHP ( IJAHP) provide a forum for discussion about the AHP, and a place to publish quality articles with useful information about the AHP as it is applied in social, political, economic, and other fields.



*This year there were 160 papers presented at ISAHP2011, and it was attended by almost 200 researchers, scholars and visitors from 96 cities in 42 countries.*

ISAHP represents the chance for many researchers and scientists around the world to get together and present their own studies and research in this important field. In this way, the conference has been a chance to encourage the integration of the international competencies in the AHP field, and to supply important cues for future researchers.

Finally I would like to thank all the authors who submitted papers for ISAHP 2011 and to give special thanks to the International Committee, the Local Scientific Committee and to Prof. Thomas L. Saaty.

Enjoy yourself with this issue while waiting for ISAHP 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia!

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