

## *Saaty Honorary Doctorate*



*Thomas Saaty (L.) and Wiktor Adamus at award ceremony in Krakow, Poland, in October*

Thomas Saaty (l.) received an honorary doctorate (*Doctor Causa Honoris*) from Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, in October, 2011, for developing the Analytic Hierarchy Process. The university, one of the oldest and most distinguished institutions of higher education in Europe, renowned for being the University where the great astronomer Copernicus studied, and where Pope John Paul II studied, awarded the doctorate to Saaty in conjunction with its 700th anniversary in October. He was commended for being a “true man of Renaissance...a scholar whose talent always leads him from theoretical issues to the human aspects and practical applications of science for the benefit of mankind.

Wiktor Adamus (r.), a professor at Jagiellonian University and a long-time advocate of AHP, carried out a study in 2007 using an Analytic Network Model about whether or not Poland, a member of the European Community, should adopt the Euro currency. Although a member of the European Community, Poland had never adopted the unified currency. The conclusion was that Poland, at least for the next few years, should not adopt the Euro. Adamus’ study won first prize at the ISAHP2007 in Chile; the Polish government did not adopt the Euro; and that appears today to have been the right decision in view of the stresses today in the Euro-zone.

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