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Our journal, The Holistic Approach to Environment, has stepped into its fourth year of existence. We all hope that the increase of the journal's influence, quality and visibility will continue. I am personally convinced that, at present times, the scientific community needs more multidisciplinary journals with holistic perspective. We continue to have plenty of enthusiasm and optimism, as well as scarce financial resources.

After three years of regular issuing, the number of authors contributing to our journal is constantly growing. The number of countries the authors come from has increased as well. It is nice to know that the journal has its authors and readers outside of Europe, as well. In this forth year and in the future, I shall be writing the editorial as editor in chief only in the first issue of each volume.

As in every first yearly issue, I would like to commemorate our late but never forgotten professor Alenka Rastovčan Mioč. Her very early and deeply tragic death put an end to her activities in the field of holistic environmentalism promotion in the Croatian academic and industrial society. However, her scientific work and activism remains our inspiration in the endeavour for a cleaner material and spiritual environment.

In the 13 issues published so far, the authors of the papers came from the following 16 countries on 3 continents:

1. Austria
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Croatia
4. Czech Republic
5. Denmark

6. Greece
7. India
8. Iran
9. Jordan
10. Nigeria
11. Poland
12. Saudi Arabia
13. Slovakia
14. Spain
15. Thailand
16. Tunisia

It is pleasant to notice that The Holistic Approach to Environment has been adopted by a greater number of scientific disciplines. Although chemistry, mechanical engineering and ethics have remained the core disciplines, we highly value other scientific views on material and spiritual environment. As amicability in human relationships and relationship to nature is the basis of scientific thinking from the holistic point of view, it is important to directly or indirectly contribute to the idea of amicability anywhere and in every possible way.

During 2013 it has become more evident that natural disasters take more and more human and animal lives, and the material damage increases. The bloody price of an inappropriate and inhuman wealth of an incredibly small group of people is paid by the whole humanity. The whole world is exposed to the frightening results of the global climate changes.

The existing level of neoliberal capitalism cannot wear the mask of sustainability and hide its voracious canines. It is the mission of scientists, as well as of all other humans, to speak up and confront the horror threatening our

future. Only idealism destroys fear and restores hope.

Solus idealismus timorem destruit, spem restituit.