

## **AHP/ANP and World Connections**



Welcome to the first *IJAHP* issue of 2021! Needless to say, this past year has been particularly challenging for everyone all over the world due to the pandemic. Fortunately, the development of vaccines makes us hopeful that the situation will be controlled in the long run, although a return to the “normal” we knew before is unlikely. This worldwide crisis has made us realize how interconnected we are at global level. A virus that appeared on the other side of the world (for those of us who live in the U.S.) became a worldwide problem. I’ve had the opportunity to experience this level of world connection through our AHP/ANP work. While there were more than 30 countries represented at the last International Symposium of the Analytic Hierarchy Process this past December, this current *IJAHP* issue is a small sample of what I mean by worldwide connectedness. In this issue, there are 7 countries represented, ranging from Morocco and Malaysia to Italy, Brazil and Chile, among the different pieces published. This is a good sign because, as the current pandemic has shown, our problems are global and the solutions must have a similar scope.

Enjoy the issue!

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