A new scientific journal "The Holistic Approach to Environment" was started in Croatia at the beginning of this year. Its abbreviated title is: holist. Approach environ. and it is going to be published quarterly, electronically and its web page address is: www.cpo.hr. Its publisher is A Society for Promoting the Holistic Approach to Environment. Its ISSN is 1848-0071. So far, the first issue has been published, and the second is forthcoming.

The journal shall publish scientific, professional and review articles related to different fields of research which contribute to more efficient detection and elimination of dangers to human health, reduction of depletion of non-renewable energy sources and stimulation to use renewable energy sources in technological facilities and to making life on our planet as fairly organized as possible and making the Earth a more comfortable place for living. The aim of the journal is to help developing the consciousness on individuals and common responsibility for the future of the planet Earth.

The purpose of the journal is to collect and publish papers written about the technologies which contribute to the protection of the environment, but also the meaningfulness of the protection of environment. The environment here includes more than a material space which surrounds us on the planet. The environment also includes the spiritual reality, relations among creatures existing in this material surrounding. One-sided materialistic approach which accepts only that which can be measured by instruments brought the entire life on the planet to the edge of abyss.

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Holistic approach to the environment includes the research of the possibilities and setting the model for the benevolent co-existence of creatures on Earth. By observing the life on the planet as a whole, by analyzing the topic from the perspective of individual sciences, e.g. chemistry, energetics, ethics, medicine, economy and finding acceptable solutions to burning problems of today’s environment, the issues that arise are how is it possible to achieve something like that and why is that necessary and does it contribute to the benevolent co-existence of creatures on Earth or does it endanger it.

Benevolence includes conscientiousness, seriousness, consideration and responsibility both in the present and future. The highest level of achievement for a human being is to be good and to wish well. Goodness makes for the easier and nicer existence of the individuals within a social community which takes parental care and lucidly develops noble abilities of each member.

Benevolence is not an archaic value and it is possible even in today’s rigid times to be good and successful at the same time. The benevolent co-existence of creatures on Earth is not a childish utopia but an imperative for the survival of our civilization. Greediness, arrogance and cruelty, which are intoxicating idols of the unrestrained market for the powerful persons of today, have brought millions of people to blasphemous poverty, debtors’ prison and forced war fighting.

Human knowledge becomes wisdom only once it includes freedom, love and justice, only when fruit of technological or any other type of development become available for all those who want to use them. Education is of the exceptional importance in holistic approach to environment, where those units cannot be divided. If we leave out the upbringing, we get an incomplete transfer of knowledge because that knowledge does not include responsibility for it implementation.

People share the planet with animals and plants. As intelectually superior, we should be an example for animals when it comes to meaningful life of an individual being and comfortable co-existence within the species. Humankind as a whole, provides horrendous examples. Too often animals are reduced to nothing more than expendable supplies, people cause fear and screams of other creatures in enormous numbers, including the situations which do not fall into the category of humans’ battle for survival. As reasonable and conscientious beings, we should not consciously and intensively afflict pain. Life should be a joyful and meaningful challenge for every creature.