

Call for Papers

International Symposium on Analytic Hierarchy Process - ISAHP 2018

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AHP/ANP in Technology, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Social Responsibility

The themes of this symposium focus on three areas that have changed the world in recent years. However, rather than consider them as being independent, we need to think of them as interlocked, because their future depends on each other. Thus, it is befitting that the AHP/ANP focuses on them now, for the ANP helps us to study interdependent systems.

Without technology, the implementation of the AHP/ANP would not have been possible. AHP/ANP helps us to understand entrepreneurship and cultivate entrepreneurial talent to meet the social and economic needs, reduce jobless stress, and promote social harmony. Without the entrepreneurial capabilities and tenacity of the initiators of the theory, the spread of the AHP/ANP theory all over the world would not have been possible. Finally, corporate social responsibility (CSR) comprises different stakeholders, who are concerned with sustainability, quality, and corporate brand image. CSR is multi-faceted and has long-term impacts on economic, social, and environmental well-being, especially in health, safety, equity, humanity, child-care, and education. Without the ability to measure intangibles, it would not have been possible to understand the contribution that corporations are making to our society in the social dimension. In a sense, they represent the values of the creator of the theory, Thomas L. Saaty, who pushed developers beyond their comfort zones and against all odds, to create technology and spread ideas all over the world to show that intangibles can be measured in relative terms.

These three themes should be explored in all disciplines. We encourage researchers and practitioners who would like to attend this symposium to explore ideas in new and established areas without fear of being wrong. If it takes hundreds of times to solve a problem, we learned more than just to solve the problem, but hundreds of ways not to solve that problem.

Intuition, past experience and knowledge are the primary requisites of good decision making. However, without measurement all this is futile. Measurement is needed to understand the strength of relationships in multidimensional systems. These are the ingredients of the themes of this symposium

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Deadlines

- **Paper Submission: March 6, 2018**
- **Poster Submission: April 15, 2018**

Individual papers

The ISAHP2018 welcomes papers with original contributions in, but not limited to, more than 50 old and new topics. Submissions for individual papers start on **November 1, 2017**. There are 6 tracks, the full list of topics in the tracks are on the website (www.isahp.org), but feel free to propose a new topic if you feel that none of the listed topics properly describes your work. We are aware that at this moment someone is inventing the future, and part of it could come about because of a new topic proposed at ISAHP2018!

- Track #1 – Multi-criteria Decision Analysis Methodology and Theory
- Track #2 – Government Policy and Decision Making
- Track #3 – Healthcare Decision Making
- Track #4 – Applications in Civil Engineering and Urban Management
- Track #5 – Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
- Track #6 – Business and Innovation Systems
- Track #7 - Technology
- Track #8 - Entrepreneurship
- Track #9 - Corporate Social Responsibility

Nowadays we are all under pressure to publish our best papers only in the best journals, and there could be possible conflicts between submitting a paper to a conference and then to a journal. Therefore, we **will accept short papers, 3-5 pages**, that you can turn into a longer paper to submit to a journal. The **deadline for ISAHP2018 individual papers is March 6, 2018**.

Posters

We are glad to announce that the ISAHP2018 conference will be accepting poster presentations after the success we had with them in ISAHP2016 in London. An effective poster will help you engage colleagues in conversation and get your main point(s) across to as many people as possible. We invite you to submit the title and abstract of your poster presentation using the **online submission system** (the posters are submitted via the same individual paper submission). All poster abstracts will be reviewed by peers. The **deadline for ISAHP2018 poster submissions is April 15, 2018**.

Journal special issues

We are working to organize special issues of journals where extended versions of the ISAHP2018 contributions may be submitted.