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HSM is celebrating 40 years in 2021.

Call for Papers:

On the Strategic Revival of Human Systems Management

After some forty years of the continuous functioning of HSM, Professor Milan Zeleny, its original founder and long-term Editor-in-chief, has agreed to propose and outline its strategic positioning in a first issue of 2021 – for the next 40 years 😊!

The institution of Strategic Revival is necessary for all rotary journals seeking evolutionary adaptation in a rapidly changing intellectual and scientific environment. Traditional journals are usually based on a closed, self-reinforcing loop of editors, authors, reviewers and paradigm sustaining agents. After a while, such a successful journal becomes encapsulated in a protective membrane, not allowing new paradigms, disruptive topics and visionary authors in. Such journal is effectively “out”, yet still safely on the prescribed lists of equally declining institutions.

HSM is to continue as a self-renewing (autopoietic) evolving entity, open to new paradigms, disruptive technologies, timely adaptations and trailblazing new authors from all over the world.

Prof. Zeleny will address proper responses to major driving forces of the contemporary human and human systems evolution:

1. Continued acceleration of the rate of change
2. Powerful tendencies from equilibrium to disequilibrium
3. Shifts from genetic to memetic forces of human evolution
4. Growing conflict between political interventionism and self-organizing natural adaptations through competition, cooperation and interdependence
5. Imbalance between the rates of accepting the new and abandoning the old
6. Runaway conflicts between the man-made and nature-sustainable worlds
7. Growing need for multidisciplinary education, thinking, research, and action

The above is not an attempt to list all current problems and difficulties (impossible), but outline just a few, semi-autonomous causal factors that have to be identified and focused on initiating proper scientific responses and adequate societal and entrepreneurial action.

Prof. Zeleny, as our guest co-editor for HSM 40(1) issue planned for January 2021, will explore the above factors to outline the topics, research and applications to be gradually woven into the human systems management accent, which, although changing, shall remain the focus of HSM.

About the guest editor: Prof. dr. Milan Zeleny (mzeleny@fordham.edu)

Prof. Zeleny is the original founder of HSM and long-term Editor-in-chief, he **has remained very active in research and publications, introducing a number of innovative concepts, and several new areas of study**, see his personal website <http://www.milanzeleny.com/en-US/pages/1/-/0/2/->. His work is often well documented for example: <https://www.google.cz/search?q=%22milan+zeleny%22+economy+adaptive+organism&cad=h>.

Among the new concepts, relevant to the HSM issue, we can list evolutionary economics, transformation, metamorphosis, economy as an organism, social autopoiesis, disruptive technology, deglobalization, re-localization, conflict dissolution, BATA-management system, self-sustainability, etc.

In terms of multidisciplinary Prof. Zeleny introduced or contributed to Multiobjective Programming, Multiple-payoffs games, Tradeoffs-free Economics, Multidimensional risk measures, De Novo Programming, Knowledge management, Artificial life, Synthetic biology, Integrated Process Management, Fuzzy sets, Cognitive Equilibrium, Multicriteria Decision Making (MCDM), Conflict Dissolution, etc.

Important dates:

- Deadline for paper submission: **31 October 2020**
- Revised paper submission: **30 November 2020**
- **Special Issue HSM 40(1) will be published in January 2021.**

About the submissions:

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