

Outstanding Reviewer Awards

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The past two years have been extremely active ones for the *IJAHP*. We have had to address the large number of papers submitted simultaneously to the journal due to fast track submissions derived from the ISAHP 2014 meeting in Washington, D.C. We also moved from publishing the journal twice a year to publishing three times a year. All of these circumstances demanded an extraordinary effort, not just from the editorial team, but also from our reviewers. Without reviewers, this journal would not have the proper level of quality required by our readers. Therefore, we are grateful to all the *IJAHP* collaborators who anonymously reviewed papers submitted to the journal, and we have decided to thank the best reviewers by celebrating them with an award. Unfortunately, we cannot give awards to the dozens of colleagues who have contributed to the journal by being a reviewer, but we hope that our honoured reviewers constitute a representation of all the hard working reviewers who make this journal possible.

The nomination process for the award was based on the following characteristics identified by the *IJAHP* editors as key features defining an outstanding reviewer:

- ✓ *Thoroughness*: the ability to provide feedback that shows a comprehensive understanding of the paper under review.
- ✓ *Effectiveness*: the ability to provide feedback that serves the purpose of the journal (deciding whether the paper is worth publishing or what is needed for this purpose).
- ✓ *Timeliness*: the ability to respond with feedback by the agreed upon deadline.
- ✓ *Quality of the review*: this is probably the most important characteristic of a great reviewer and refers to providing feedback that allows the authors to improve their paper, even in the context of rejection.

Thus, it is a pleasure to announce the winners of the “Outstanding Reviewer Award” for the 2014-2015 period!

Stan Lipovetsky
Sr. Research Director at
GfK Custom Research
North America
Greater Minneapolis-St.
Paul Area



"It's my privilege to help with work for IJAHP on behalf of all of the AHP community!"

Werner Toth
University of Natural
Resources and Life
Sciences, Vienna



"I'm very thankful and I feel honored to be receiving this award. It is highly motivating in the early stages of my career."

Claudio Garuti
General Manager
Fulcrum Ingenieria Ltda



"I am very happy to help the Journal in revising the papers. Yet, I never thought about receiving any kind of award (I just tried to do my best). So, I was very surprised (and happy) when I received it!"

Ozden Bayazit
Professor, Central
Washington University



"I am honored to receive this award and happy to be able to contribute to the IJAHP in a meaningful way."

Manuel Serafin Plasencia
Professor, Universidad
Politécnica Antonio José
de Sucre, UNEXPO
Ciudad Guayana, Estado
Bolívar, Venezuela



"This award is really important for me, for my university, and for my fellow students because I'm teaching a MSc level course about how to develop a research problem, and this award could serve as an example to them"

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all IJAHP collaborators!