



## THERE IS STILL TIME TO SUBMIT PAPERS TO ISAHP 2018!

You are still on time to submit papers to the International Symposium of the Analytic Hierarchy Process (ISAHP 2018) that will take place in Hong Kong July 12-15, 2018. The required ISAHP papers should be only 3-5 pages long. Prof. Luis Vargas and Prof. Jennifer Shang from the University of Pittsburgh have agreed to co-chair this symposium.

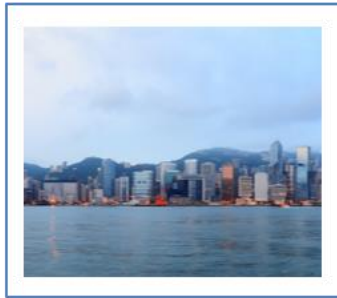
The themes of this symposium “*AHP/ANP in Technology, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Social Responsibility*” focuses on three areas that have changed the world in recent years. However, rather than consider them as being independent, we need to think of them as interlocked because their future depends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

We also expect a large participation of academics from the Asian region in addition to our customary attendees. In particular, we have invited very interesting keynote speakers to join us in this meeting celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Thomas L. Saaty, creator of AHP/ANP. **Professor Yong Shi** from the Key Lab of Big Data Mining and Knowledge Management, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China will be one of our esteemed keynote speakers and he will be talking about professor Saaty and his long influence on the Chinese academic community through his AHP/ANP and the theory of Creative Thinking. He will first review how AHP/ANP has been widely used in China for various decision-making problems since the 1980's. Then he will discuss the importance of Professor Saaty's landmarked book "Creative Thinking, Problem Solving and Decision Making" in the current "innovative and entrepreneurial movement" in China. **Professor Gang Hao** from the City University of Hong Kong, a great supporter of the organization of the conference in Hong Kong will be another keynote speaker.

The pre-conference day will be full of [interesting workshops](#). In the morning we will have a Super Decisions seminar by Dr. Elena Rokou and the attendees will receive a certificate to testify their knowledge of Super Decisions. In the afternoon, we will have four workshops that include “How to conduct a negotiation using AHP” by Dr. Luis Vargas, “How to improve your chance of getting your AHP/ANP paper published” by Dr. Enrique Mu, “Group decision making using ANP - the calculations” by Dr. William Adams and “The Art of Structuring AHP and ANP models” by Rozann Whitaker Saaty.

We have organized a panel titled **Publishing Your Work: Panel of Journal Editors** where editors in international scientific journals, namely: Rafikul Islam, *International Journal of Business and Systems Research*, Annals of Management Science; Enrique Mu, *International Journal of AHP* ; Valerio Salomon, *Annals of Management Science*; and Luis Vargas, *Journal of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis* will discuss the important factors that make an AHP/ANP paper publishable and share their experiences with the audience. This is an opportunity for participants to ask questions pertinent to their own interests and concerns when publishing their work.

Furthermore, after the success at ISAHP2016 in London, we will again have mentoring sessions in Hong Kong. This will give our younger conference attendees an opportunity to exchange ideas with and get feedback from the top authors in the AHP/ANP field and have one-on-one time with them. Participants will be able to book time and discuss specific topics with highly acclaimed experts and members of our community.



Hong Kong is not only a beautiful and vibrant destination, but it is also a cradle of business innovation. You still have time to join us in this memorable event. You can also participate even without presenting a paper and have the opportunity to meet colleagues and world experts in the AHP/ANP field and attend workshops on state of the art AHP/ANP techniques.